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Forner Blair aide caught fiddling his expenses now works for top lobbyist

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Tim Fallon left BAA, for erament elation one d Mr merly the British Airports Au-Fallon's taks wao persiade thority, in February and now works for a leading political consuitancy, advising clients on how to deat with ministers. Mr Fation is a director at

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company for about two years. During the election campaign, he was seconded to Mr Blair's office. Within months of his return to BAA, however questions were raised about claims on his corporate American Express

On 16 February, at the time of bis departure, Sheila Clark, BAA head of human resources, told him the company wanted to reclaim from his pension con-

Mr Fallon worked for the tributions "monies outstanding to BAA which were the result of false claims made by yourself on your company credit card ... This may be a useful way of assisting you in paying back a portion of £1.570." The Independent has es-

tablished that Mr Fallon signed a form on 2 March authorising the deductions "... as a result of false accounting in respect of my BAA company credit card". Des Wilson, director of cor-

porate and public affairs at BAA, said Mr Fallon's deparhas obtained details of a draft statement written by Mr Fallon ture had been planned for some in which he says: "I took it upon time, was amicable and bad nothing to do with expenses irmyself to enter explanations for regularities. Mr Fallon was repaying a "company loan".
"At the time Tim was leaving

lunches/dinners that were not accurate. Whereas these claims were genuine business expenses, the explanations were misleading. Associated with this mis-administration of there were discrepancies in expenses that had as much as anything to do with the fact that we had been incredibly busy my statements was the fact that and had not conformed with on occasions ... I authorised these claims forms myself,

signing off in Andrew Currie's not and have failed to declare name." Mr Currie is an assistant director of BAA's corporate and public affairs department.

This is something I am particularly ashamed of," wrote Mr Fallon. "The final main area of wrong-doing is that on certain occasions I have used my Amex card to pay for personal expenses. For some of these expenses, I have declared them ed me. and I have paid the company

"This practice is disbonest and wholly wrong ... I cannot adequately explain the deep sense of regret I feel, Regret that I have let down my company and regret that I have let down colleagues who over the last couple of years have helped, nurtured and support-

Mr Fallon failed to return

Tyneside in uproar as 1,000 jobs go

THE NORTH-east of England BY MICHAEL HARISON was dealt a hamme; blow yesterdig after the German class-⊈iant Siemens announced the cloture of its Elbn semiconducter plant on Tyneside with the liss of 1,100

greeted with anger and dismay by local jusinesses, trade unions and politicians while the Conservative made and industry pokesman John Redwood planted the closure on

the storng pound. But Somens said that the state of the art plant, opened only a your ago by the Queen. was the victim of overcapacity: a 95 per cent fed in microchip prices and damping by Far East committeers.

The company pledged to repay the 156m in government subsides at received to help build the medity and announced that it had joined a task force set up the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Peter Mandeisus to try and rescue the plan'_

Mandekon said: "Siemens may be eaving north Tyneso: but the plant isn't and we said do excrything we can to total an alternative owner

Alan Wood, the chief execulow and an ded no come up with/ one production would be ruf down from the end of next month.

There are rowing anger tast night that St mens had kelected the Transide plant for closure and of the five semiconductor Leithes it operates around the world. It has similar plants on Garmany, the Unit-

cumstances" arti was/ costly to run because it ras only a third the ske of is her facilities. The plant ising tt50m a year and vicost C150m to close down/

Ken Jackson genal secretary of the AEEU gineer.



The Simens factory on Typesde is to close

ing won, warned that total job toss's could exceed 2,000 once tive of Signers, said the thempact on contractors and chance of finding a buyer were component suppliers was taken nto account. The plant buys 270m of supplies a year from 250 local firms.

Bill Midgley, president of the North East Chamber of Trade and Industry, described the closure as a "massive blow not only for the North-east but for the whole of the UK economy" and said there was little doubt that the strong pound had played a ed State : Trainin and France. big part in Siemens' decision.

ernment to take the pressure

Mr Word puld fibute to he off the pound and interest rates. workforce ou noth Tyneste. "Siemens' announcement today saying that the pint had tear is another example of the teron every milestone set one rible damage the Governopening in May la year. Fit a ment's economic policies are said it had been "victimpf at inflicting on exporters, on man-Jobs," he said. But Siemens said the impact

of the pound was marginal. When the go-ahead was given for the plant in 1995, Siemens forecast that the worldwide market for semiconductors would reach \$200bn by this year. It has only reached \$145bn. At the same time, overcapacity has brought the price of memory chips crashing from \$55 to \$3 in three years.

The Tyneside plant also recently lost a partnership agreement with a Taiwanese company that would have guaranteed half its output for the next 10 years. The likely closure is a crush-

ing blow for the area. Wheo the decision to build the plant was announced in 1995, job centres in Wallsend and North Shields received 4,000 telephone calls in three hours.

At the official opening last year the Queen said it would put Britain at the "forefront of semiconductor manufacturing". However, within months of production starting, turnbling prices forced Siemens to scrap plans for a second phase of development which would have added a further 500 jobs.

Mr Mandetson said: "This is a very savage blow and I feel very strongly for the workforce and their families who are affected by this." He said "every effort would be made to secure the plant's future.

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President Bill Clinton at a fund-raiser for the North Carolina Senate race this week

iagra swoop excites police

DID THE police and officials from the Medicine Control Agency think they were look-

ing for a "hardened" criminal? It is impossible to say, but this week, acting on a tip-off, they raided a sex-shop in Soho, London, and seized 14 cases of Viagra, the erection-enhanc-

ing wonder-drug. It is not an uplifting tale.

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

chase, buying one pill for £40 before preparing to raid the shop. They were sold pills that bad to be Viagra, and subsequently raided the shop," said a Westminster City Council spokesman, "The person ... may be charged with unli-censed sale of the drug and will

seized." But what had the man allegedly done wrong: will he not claim he was supplying a mand? "This drug can kill if it is taken with the wrong types of medicine," said a Department of Health spokesman.

sale of unlicensed videos and

CD-Roms which were also

Viagra is unlicensed in Britain and only available from certainly be prosecuted for the doctors who agree to take all

legal responsibility should something go wrong. It is reportedly being sold to nightclubbers for £25 a time. It was launched in the US and has been used by 2 milbon men.

If charged and found guilty. the shop-owner could face an unlimited fine or even two years in prison. Yes, yes, yes, it does sound like a bit of a stiff

Clinton

vows to

tell the truth

BY MARY DEJEVSKY in Washington

IN HIS first response to the mounting crisis over his relations with Monica Lewinsky. President Bill Clinton said that he was looking forward to testifying to prosecutors and promised to on a promised by

Mr Clinton detlated from the subject in kanó - a paean to the US economy after betterthan-expected second-quarter figures - to tell reporters: "No vants to get this matter be hind us more than I do ... I'm looking forward to the opportunity of testifying. I will do so

completely and truthfully." Mr Clinton is scheduled to give videotaped evidence to prosecutors from the White House on 17 August, Ms Lewinsky, who bas immunity from prosecution if she now admits to an affair, is expected to appear before the grand jury in

the next two weeks. Meauwhile. officials and legal analysis close to the White House were entering the tray to play down the significance of material evidence, including a dress and telephone messages. surreodered by Monica Lewinsky to prosecutors earlier in the week. They were responding to reports that the dress had been sent to FBI laboratories to be tested for semen stains.

The new "spin" cautioned that the dress would vietd no evidence of anything untoward. and that the telephone messages were "innocuous", along the lines of "Hey, it's me. Sorry I missed you . But they did oot explain why the President should be ringing a White House trainee at home, out of hours

Preliminary results of the tests on the dress were expected to be available by the end of the weekeod, but it was not known wbether they would be made public, or what the White House attitude would be if President Clinton were required to submit to a DNA test.



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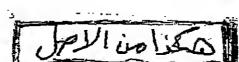
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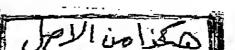
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Miners win injury compensation Thousands of miners who suffered a debilitating injury as e result of years at the coalface yesterday won their historic battle for compensation.

Rush to escape summer 98

Summer 1998 is bringing a smile to the nation's travel agents as consumers desperate to escape the dreary weather are being forced to pay more for their place in

Dad's Army celebrates its 30th Dad's Army, a classic celebration of the British amateur.

reached its 30th anniversary yesterday with the series still pulling in millions of viewers for the BBC. Page 9

Roads review axes 18 schemes Eighteen major road schemes were axed and plans for 60 more shelved despite overwhelming public demand for highways and bypasses, the Government's roads review revealed yesterday.

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Jews divided over banks claim

Most Swiss Jews are now hitterly at odds with their American counterparts over lawsuits by thousands of Holocaust victims and their heirs, demanding compensation from two Swiss banks Page 12

Party boss jailed for corruption

A former Peking communist party boss was sentenced yesterday to 16 years in jail for diverting public funds "in pursuit of a corrupt and decadent life". Page 14

Riding the Mongolian steppes

Naadam is one of the world's great sporting spectacles. Mongolians ride in from far-flung provinces for a week-end of horse-racing, wrestling and archery on the grasslands outside the Mongolian capital, Ulan Bator.

BUSINESS NEWS

Lloyds shares fall

Shares in Lloyds TSB tumbled by more than 7 per cent after the bank said it would put an extra £400m towards the costs of sorting out the pensions mis-selling scandal.

Japanese unemployment rises

Another sharp jump in unemployment in Japan, rising to 4.3 per cent in June, has given incoming Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi fresh proof, if any were needed, that there is to be no honeymoon period for his new admin-

SPORTS NEWS

Henry takes over at Wales

The New Zealander Graham Henry became the highest-paid coach in world rugby when he took charge of struggling Wales on a five-year contract worth £250,000

Gillespie up for offer

Newcastle United could be willing to listen to offers around the £5m mark for the 22-year-old winger Keith Gillespie. Among the front-runners for his signature are likely to be North-east neighbours Middlesbrough. Page 26

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Howard Jacobson

My driving instructor was an ex-policeman, an ex-SS man, an ex-guard at Auschwitz, an anti-semite with e Barnsley accent.

Fergal Keane The world of black depressions and shaking hands, drying out clinics, broken promises, betrayals, sick stomachs and shame - you have to live there to know it, Carver did

and he described it with searing honesty. **Steve Connor**

From the Minotaur to Midsummer Night's Dream, the animal-human chimaera has been a grotesque spectacle relegated, thankfully, to the pages of mythology.

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Delays in information bill now feded

JACK STRAW has been put in By Daisy Sampson charge of the Freedom of Information Bill, leading to fears that the Government may water down its manifesto com-

The move to put responsibility of the Bill into the hands of the Home Secretary follows the sacking earlier this week of

its chief advocate, David Clark. He had drafted the Bill while Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and had campaigned vigorously for strong legislation in Cabinet battles with Mr Straw.

The news that the responsi-bility had passed to Mr Straw outraged campaigners last night who said he had adopted a very "defensive" position.

last day of the parliamentary term, was released in the form of a written answer from the Prime Minister to a Labour backbencher, Jean Corston. Mr Clark said yesterday: "There is a manifesto commit ment to this. I left an agreed timetable for the draft Bill to be ready. I would expect that

timetable to be adhered to." Immediately before his sack-ing from the Cabinet Office, Mr Clark announced that the Bill ers on course and should be published in draft form by the end of September.

It was then due to be submitted to the Public Adminis-Committee tration The announcement, on the pre-legislative scrutiny



David Clark: Sacked

The committee's chairman. Rhodri Morgan, said he was surprised by yesterday's developments. He said: "This does not entirely chime with the assurances that I had been

top level. But I hope that the change of department does not signify a change of policy. The work had already been done so the only issue is whether Tony Blair has got cold feet over including the Bill in the next

Mr Morgan said he had been en "cast iron assurances" that the draft Bill would be published in the Autumn and be was expecting to complete his evidence-taking sessions on it by the end of the year.

"It is very important that the Bill itself is included in the Queen's Speech because no government anywhere in the world ever introduces e Freedom of Information Bill once it reaches a half-way stage in the

Parliament offer the Civil Ser-vants have got you in their Info at grip," he sal

The Bill vil give the public

the right to lemand Govern-ment information unless it falls under one on number of exemptions, wich include com-mercial sensivity and national It is known that both Peter

Mandelson, to new Secretary of State for True and Industry, and Mr Strat have reservations about the proposed Bill and have mee their views known to the time Minister.

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s change after the it is not an effective o it for that reason." Home Office spokessaid that they were ted to the Bill.



The artist Chris Biddlecombe with his portrait of Lord Nelson alongside HMS Victory at Portsmouth. The prirait, madeup of the blue and white tropical naval uniform, was produced to commemorate today's 200th anniversary of the Battle of the Ni

Labour conference will discuss policy in secret

MINISTERS ARE to be ques- By Fran Abrams tioned behind closed doors at Political Correspondent this year's Labour Party conference in Blackpool, in a move solits out of the public eye.

For the first time, the party is to hold private question-andanswer sessions for delegates

on key policy areas. Although details have not been finalised, Frank Dobson,

the Secretary of State for Health; Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary: Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, are likely to chair the meetings. Until now, all three main

political parties have held their policy discussions in public at annual conferences.

But the traditional debates at which Labour Party members argued over motions and composites are to be removed from its conference agenda this year.

with sunshine and showers. The warming trend should continue after that with a dry spell in the south and the north staying changeable.

Instead, there will be public designed to keep left-right discussions on policy and "dialogue" documents - summaries of comments by members - produced by the party's leadership.

Although some delegates are bound to show their opposition by voting against entire documents, they will have no opportunity to amend them and they will certainly be

There will also be emergency debates whose subject will be decided by ballot.

But in addition to these, questions will be answered in comerc and away from the main conference hall on this year's four main areas for policy discussion - health, crime and justice, Europe and welfare

Policy commissions on these

subjects are chaired by Mr rums" around the country. A such a NcDordd's, United

and Mr Straw. Much of the week in Blackpool will be taken up by setpiece presentations from every Cabinet minister, with the highlight being the Prime Minister Tony Blair's speech to the

delegates. The party leadership is determined to prevent the public rows that have always domi-nated the headlines during the week of its October conference. During the Labour administration of the 1970s its conference was often opposed to government policy and caused great embarrassment

to ministers. The effect of the changes will be to drive public dissent morefirmly outside the conference and into fringe meetings around the town.

Most of Labour's policy debate now goes on in private "fo-

are elected to a National Policy Forum, which debates proposals from commissions chaired by Cabinet ministers.

The proposals are passed by a Joint Policy Committee chaired by Mr Blair before being seen by members.

A party spokesman said vesterday that the old system led to sterile arguments over "pointless composites that no-

body agrees about". "What we are trying to do is to have a process which keeps everybody informed and to have a healthy debate," the spokesman said.

The new arrangements have caused anger among some sections of the party, not least because Labour has held a series of corporate seminars attended by representatives from most of the major lobbying companies as well as by firms

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At or the seeting recently, the dot business liais, the ush, told his audien who don't just seek the help on the ssees in implementingur, dicies, we want the preical inputs from your experies in business. your experies in business.

We need a ideas and solutions that c be generated from the corpcte sector." Matthew Tay, the party's

assistant genera-cretary told them that Labous traditional ways of doing thin were "simply incompatible w, what the public expects from party in He added: "Our disussions

at annual conference ust not simply pander to the ternal vested interests or politial obsessions in the party ... 'e're not just making policy for our party, we're making it for or community and our country:

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STEPHEN GOODWIN Scotland

COTTISH NATIONALISTS muld barely conceal their deant vesterday as opinion poli widence suggested Tony Blair's dash north and an extra £4hn in public spending have not halted Labour's slide in pop-ularity north of the horder.

For the first time, Labour has fallen behind the SNP in an ICM/Scotsman pollon voting intentions for the Edinburgh Parliament. Other pols have put

the SNP up to 14 points ahead. Donald Dewar Secretary of State for Scotland, found comfort in the detail of the figures but the headline slump means more pressure on his new deputy, Helen Liddell, in her joh

of reversing the nationalist tide. Of the 1700 polled by ICM, 39 per cent said they would vote SNP in the first-past-the-post constituence part of next May's election compared to 36 per cent voting Labour. For the second queltion, voting for party lists, there was a dead

heat on 36 per cent. Mr Blair's lotion of e "Middle Scotland" vas derided, with only 17 per celt believing it existed, but oddly there was a marked fall in support for independence i a referendum

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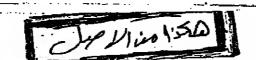
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was held. Mike Russel, chief executive of the SNP, said the more Mr Blair visited Scytland, the better it suited the SNP. The last visit was "supposed to signal the start of Labour's recovery, but the poll shows that it was a total flop", Mr Russell said.

Mr Dewar said the dead heat on the party preference question put the rather excitable headlines into perspective. However, privately, party leaders will be concerned that so far their tactic of hranding the SNP as "separatists" and a pledge of extra money for education and housing has half no discernible impact.

The Secretary of State sounded equally relaxed over moves to cut back the time devoted to Scottish rusiness in the Commons following devolution The Commons select committee on procedure has decided to hold an inquiry into the consequences of divolution for

YESTERDAY BRITAIN TODAY THE WORLD Noon today LIGHTING UP TIMES BRITISH ISLES WEATHER 21.00 20.59 21.24 20.49 21.05 5.28 5.39 5.23 5.25 5.26 5.16 HIGH TIDES AM HT PM 08:22 6.0 20:43 05:35 7.5 18:12 13:27 12:57 7.1 08:31 3.0 19:21 06:31 3.4 19:03 THE WORLD YESTERPAY: SUN & MOON Sun vises: 05.2% Sun sets: 20.49 Moon rises: 14.49 Moon sets: 00.16 becoming more isolated and more sunshine appearing. There will be some hea showers over Wales, and northern and south-western England, becoming fewer and south of England will have heavy showers breaking out, merging into lengthler spells of rain, and there is a strong risk of thunder. WEATHERLINE NEXT FEW DAYS Showers in the east and south of England will clear to leave it dry on Sunday with some sunshine. The west will doud over later, with rain moving in overright and crossing the rest of the country on Monday, followed by sunny spells and showers. Tuesday will be a little warmer



For everyone in Saline-les-Bains the Grand Tour is now a cycle of despair

By KATHY MARKS

A BROAD smile spread across Marie-Jeanne Bully's coarse features. Her double chin began to quiver and she clutched her ample hips. Finally, dropping the comh with which she had been teasing an elderly client's grey curls, she erupted into loud gales of laughter.

What prompted this remarkable show of mirth was a perfectly straightforward question: Were French people surprised by the revelations of dope-taking that have blighted the world's premier cycle race over the past two weeks? Apparently not

"Don't be ridiculous," spluttered Mme Bully, owner of a hairdressing salon in Salinsles-Bains, a small spa town in the foothills of the Jura Mountains, on the route of yesterday's stage of the Tour de France. "Everyone knows that the competitors take drugs. They're men, after all; not

Her client, NIcole Picard, agreed, and said: "We support the riders, 100 per cent. The police have treated them abominably.

The extraordinary thing is that these views are echoed around the town. On this subiect. ordinary French people not normally noted for their liberal attitudes - appear virtually unshockable. So the cyclists take a few pills and potions to help them tackle those steep ascents. So what?

The French authorities have proved less tolerant. Since performance-enhancing drugs were found in the car of the Swiss Festina team earlier this month, the judiciary has come down on the Tour like a ton of hricks. Several other teams have been investigated; their suitcases searched, their doctors and riders taken away for ques-

The cyclists complain that they have been handled like hardened criminals; frogmarched out of their hotel nlght, strip-searched, interrohours on end. forced to forgo their precious post-race massage. "Many of us have been in tears." said one sportsman in the national psyche. earlier this weck.

teams have pulled out in protest. There have been hrazen admissions, though. that drug-taking is routine. The scandal grows daily and threatens the very future of the

Le Monde and other respected journals have called



to the Tour's sponsors drove

past and free gifts - coffee,

videos, suntan lotion - were

tossed out of the windows.

Blaring music played over

loudspeakers added to the fes-

Just after 1pm, a convoy of

motorbikes heralded the

imminent arrival of the

tive atmosphere.

cyclists. Suddenly they were

there, a dozen or so at the

head of the race, a vision of

physical perfection in multi-

coloured Lycra. Ten minutes

later, the rest of the men

whizzed past, to deafening

applause. So brave, so strong,

"The Tour is the Tour It's an

ighed the spectators.

event like none other," said

one middle-aged woman, wip-

ing a speck of dust from her

eye. "It's such a great honour

for the town to be on the

It is also good for the town's

economy. Hotels and hars

were packed yesterday. People

A little girl and her grandfather applauding riders in the Tour de France as they pass yesterday

for this year's Tour - due to finish in Paris tomorrow - to be

"The Tour has no credibility left. It is a sordid spectacle," one newspaper said yesterday. So there is a huge gulf hetween French opinionformers and the hundreds of rooms in the middle of the people who lined the route in Salins yesterday, cheering gated, left without food for wildly as the peloton hurtled past. To understand it, you have to appreciate the special place the Tour de France has

In a nation obsessed by Festina was expelled; other sport, la Grande Boucle is the greatest spectacle of all. It is a symbol of national pride; an integral part of the country's heritage. An estimated 20 million people - a third of the population - turn out each year to watch their sporting heroes. Six hours of television are devoted to the event each day

The Tour arouses passions beyond those exhibited when ecstatic crowds spilled on to the Champs Elysées in the wake of France's World Cup Final triumph last month. Hence the outrage among the French public at the way that the competitors have been treated. Every sport is riddled with drugs nowadays, people

argue, and, dope or no dope.

the riders perform enormous

feats of endurance, covering 2,500 miles in three weeks, on often demanding terrain. It is difficult, also, to overstate the importance to towns and villages in rural France of itinerary. Those that host the start and finish of the daily stages pay handsomely for the privilege. Local politicians get

re-elected for persuading the

organisers to divert the race

through their region

In Salins yesterday, the sense of anticipation was palpable as residents of the usually sleepy town awaited the arrival of the cyclists, who were to pass through on the 19th stage of the race, between La Chaux-de-Fonds, just over the Swiss border, to Autun, 150 miles west.

For three hours they waited in the baking heat: bables in pushchairs, grizzled old men waving tricolour flags, dogs barking in harmony with the honking cars. They congregated in the square, the Place de la Resistance, set up deckchairs on the pavement securing a place on the Tour's outside the honey-coloured post office, hung out of windows overlooking the huntingfestooned main street.

Around midday, every husiness in town put up its shutters. Children shricked with excitement as cars belonging

watch the race. According to the information office in Salins, they often stay on to visit local attractions: the ancient salt works, the medieval churches, the vineyards that produce the region's distinctive yellow

But not quite everyone is misty eyed about the Tour. Jose Bourgeois, a local bar owner with piercing hlue eyes and a ferociously hushy moustache, believes that "l'affaire Festina" has done untold damage to France's sporting rep-

"The race is spoilt this year," he said. "They have cheated and they have lied. I don't know why they're bothering to finish it."

And in Aix-les-Bains, where cyclists cruised across the finish line earlier this week after staging a farcical go-slow day in protest at their treatment by police, municipal authorities are furious. The £70,000 that they paid in order to host a leg of the race is money down the

drain, they say. Despite everything, it looks as if the remaining riders will make it to Paris hut it is debatable whether the Tour will be able to rid itself of the stench of scandal. Some argue that the crackdown was long over-

"It's unpleasant hut it had to happen. They need to clean up the sport and start again from square one," said one Salins resident yesterday.

Optimists take a long-term perspective.

They point out that doping has been a recurrent theme for many years. Team hotels were raided by police in search of drugs as far back as 1962.

In 1967, Tommy Simpson collapsed and died on Mont lentoux; his use of amphetamines was largely held to

And, as was clear in Salins yesterday, the enthusiasm of an indulgent French public for the Tour remains undimmed. If cyclists are doped up to the eyeballs, as far as the spectators are concerned, they are come from miles around to still Gods of the Road.

Dutch team TVM quits amid calls to clean up the sport

THE TOUR de France trun- BY MARK BURTON dled on its troubled way yesterday without another team caught up in the allegations of drug abuse that almost brought the world's premier cycling race to a premature end.

TVM, a Dutch team whose unhappiness at having its hotel rooms searched by police was the catalyst for a protest goslow by riders that brought the annulment of Wednesday's stage, pulled out of the 3.850km 12,390 miles) event yesterday morning. That left only 14 of the orig-

inal 21 teams to press on towards Paris and the traditional finish on the Champs-Elysees tomorrow.

Jean-François Pescheux, the Tour's sporting director, said the TVM team's riders had complained of being tired. The team reportedly headed home to the Netherlands, hut the riders are due to report for questioning on Monday in Rheims, where the investigation into alleged drug taking by some riders on the Tour has its headquarters. After the raid on their hotel,

the team's riders were taken to hospital by police and given lengthy medical examinations, including blood, urine and hair tests to check for drug abuse. The team's masseur is still being held by police for ques-

tioning.

The team drew support from the Dutch government, which was setting up an inquiry into the French authorities' handling of the drugs scandal. The Dutch sports minister,

Erica Terpstra, who has made public her backing for the retired TVM team, wants to determine whether France's legal system has acted fully within its powers. The Tour riders, many of

whom see themselves as victims of the pressure to fulfil the expectations of sponsors, called on the governing body to act promptly to clean up the sport.

the riders' spokesman, Bjarne Riis. He said the job of the Union Cycliste Internationale announced yesterday that it was not just to make the rules and arrange the racing calendar. "Together with them we have to sort out this problem which has come out in the

> Two Spanish teams. Kelme and Vitalicio, dropped out of the race in protest on Thursday, joining two other Spanish teams and an Italian team. who had quit the Tour the day

Tour," he added.

A sixth team, Festina, was thrown out on 17 July after police found illegal substances in a team masseur's car.

Knee-jerk reaction to Texas

IT'S BAD news for the banana BY GARY FINN skin then. A British businessman, taking his litigious cue from an American casualty department, has filed a law suit in the United States against a food retailer and the Texan oil city of Houston, after he slipped and broke his knee on a discarded ham sandwich.

Brian Philpott, from Ilford. east London was injured shortly after landing at the city's Bush International Airport two years ago when the crushed remains of a ham sandwich brought him crashing to earth. That humble sandwich could

now net Mr Philpott up to -\$250,000 (£165,000) after he lodged a claim for damages earlier this week. The lawsuit, filed on Tuesday, seeks damages from the city, which owns and operates the airport, and the "unknown food outlet operator(s)" who left the sandwich on the uncarpeted floor.

"The condition of the sandwich indicated that it had been on the floor for a substantial period of time," the suit said. "In addition, there was a cleaning person adjacent to the scene of could end up going to trial."

the fall who had not attempted to clean the floor or to post warnings of the dangerous conditions.

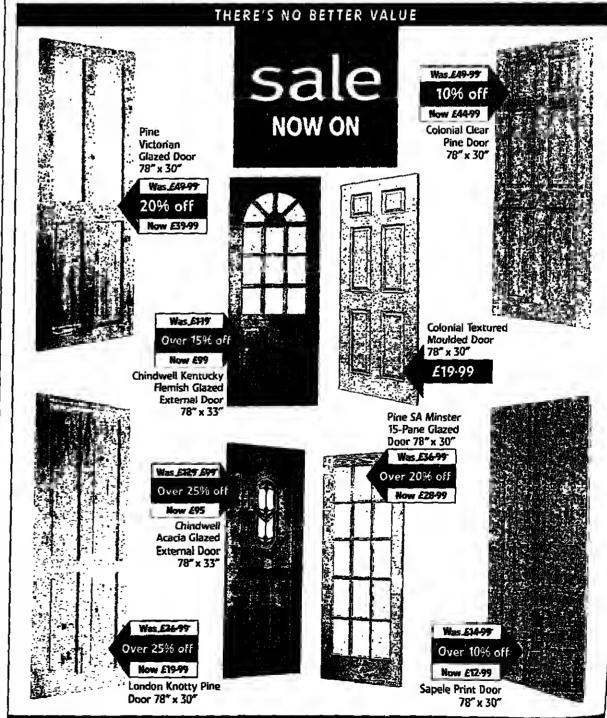
The lawyer who filed the case said yesterday that Mr Philpott sustained a compound fracture of the leg and the knee that required surgery. "We've filed the lawsuit,

which is now being served on the city of Houston," said Marc Whitehead of Houston. "At that point, we will begin the discovery process and we will receive a trial setting. After that, the case could settle. But it might not, and

Anthony Hall, a city attorney, said he could not comment on the lawsuit because the city had not yet been served.

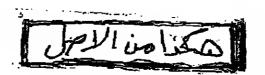
"It sounds kind of humorous but he [Mr Philpott] had a very serious injury." Mr Whitehead said. His client suffered at least three fractures to his knee and has incurred at least \$80,000 in medical expenses and lost

Papers filed in the lawsuit stated that Mr Philpott was accompanied by his wife, Ruth, and son, David, at the time of the mishap. Mrs Philpott is also listed as a plaintiff.



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Corrupt staff run massive passport scam

cials are making "enormous" sums of money from a thriving passport racket, a court heard

"complex network" charging up to £2,500 a time for special ssport stamps allowing for-Britain indefinitely.

"There are individuals who have made enormous sums of money and are very wealthy as a result of this on going prac-tice," defence barrister Dominic D'Souza said.

He told Inner London Crown Court there was evidence that official Samuel Essuah, had been threatened with a gun and told to keep quiet.
The court heard that Essuah,

who received a 12-month sentence after admitting his role in the lucrative scam, was no longer working for the Civil Service when he became involved. But his knowledge of Home Office immigration procedures

would have been useful. Mark Kemsey, prosecuting said Essuah, of Kilburn, northwest London, was suspended from the asylum screening unit. for a separate matter in 1992,

Well-known in the Ghanaian community he claimed he was still a civil servant and could arrange indefinite "leave to stay" stamps to be put into the passports of his fellow countrymen. Four people paid between £2,000 to £2,500 for the stamp, not realising it had been issued illegally.

was exposed when Ghana produced a smaller passport and told all its nationals in Britain to change their old ones.

When the four that Essuah had helped handed theirs over, Home Office records revealed they had not been given permission to remain in Britain. "The Crown has accepted in

this case that there are others involved," said Mr Kemsey. "The defendant was the courier, he was the go-between

... it appears the money has heart" of Britain's immigra-been handed on to others except tion policies.

that went to him," he added. Mr D'Souza said Essual

who admitted four counts of main" in the UK, had intended to help people only on a limit-ed basis. "But thereafter it spiralled out of control," he said.

He told the court his client was later to speak of being "threatened with a gun and told to keep quiet about what was happening".

"He was so concerned, he gave his name and telephone number to those witnesses and indicated that if anything should happen to him they should contact the police."

The barrister continued: There are serious implications as far as the Home Office is concerned in that there apof corruption in the Home Office itself involving the fraudulent granting of leave to remain stamps for profit."

Individuals of higher rank in the Home Office were "pulling the purse strings"

"Mr Essuah had very limited involvement in what appears to be a very much larger and very much more serious conspiracy so far as other individuals are concerned."

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Passing sentence, Judge Jeremy Fordham said that while he gave Essuah full credit for his pleas of guilty, the fact re-The operation "struck at the

Tribunal will decide police chief's fate

A CHIEF CONSTABLE SUS- BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE pended following allegations of misconduct must face an investigation before an independent tribunal. Frank Wilkinson, Chief Constable of Gwent, will be the first officer of his rank to

be dealt with in this way. The decision was made yesterday at a private session of the Gwent Police Authority, which Mr Wilkinson attended to make a statement about the allegations. The affair dates back nine months, when Mr Wilkinson, 51, was sent bome after allegations surrounding the issuing of a speeding ticket to a prominent councillor and the award of contracts.

The allegations, made by the Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable, also concerned the secondment of scenes-of-crimes officers to assist the UN warcrimes unit in Bosnia. The allegations were investigated by the Police Complaints Authority and the Crown Prosecution Service advised that no charges should be brought against the Chief Constable

Mr Wilkinson, who has always maintained his innocence, spoke to the authority for 45 minutes yesterday. After he emerged from the meeting at Caerphilly, in South Wales, he said: "We would all want it to be resolved as soon as possible. That would be to the benefit of the police force and the com-

munity in Gwent as well." Asked how he was dealing with the suspension, he said he would "rather be at work".

The police authority could have decided to ignore the allegations and reinstate Mr Wilkinson immediately, Instead, it decided to refer the matter to an independent tribunal, expected to be headed by a retired judge and assisted by asses-sors, including a chief constable or former chief constable. Until then Mr Wilkinson will re-

David Turnbull, chairman of Gwent Police Authority, said: "The tribunal will decide if the charges are to be dismissed or are proven. If proven, it will recommend to the police authority whether or not any punishment should be im-

"Every effort will be made to undertake the completion of the statutory procedure as speedily as practicable.

After the tribunal has heard authority will decide what acfrom taking no further action to dismissal. The tribunal will be cellor and, if Mr Wilkinson should wish to appeal, he could only do so to the Home Secre-

Met to test recruits on racial awareness

THE METROPOLITAN Police is to improve training and reperceived and experienced as cruitment in a bid to counter racism within the force, following the murder of black

teenager Stephen Lawrence. Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon outlined several new measures in his submission to the Lawrence Inquiry earlier yesterday, which he said would help combat racism within the force, and improve the way it handles racial-

y motivated crime. Sir Paul Condon said: "We dividuals and communities in

recist, regardless of the intent occasions the racist behaviour may be intentional on the part Sir Paul said future selection

procedures would include a test of the candidate's awareness of race issues, which would be open to external scrutiny. The Metropolitan Police force also proposes monitoring how many people from ethnic communities are stopped recognise that, in the eyes of in- and searched, arrested and

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Safety at work: Judge slams mining industry's 'appalling and cynical disregard' for health and safety of its workers



Raymond Chapman, who can barley use his hands: 'They're not good for much'

Miners win fight for £500m payout

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

TROUSANDS of miners who suffered a debilitating condition as a result of years spent working at the coalface yesterday won their historic battle for

In a decision that could see up to £500m paid in compensation, the Court of Appeal ruled that British Coal was iable for all cases of Vibration White Finger (VWF), or Raynaud's disease in its miners. The condition, which affects the functioning of the hands and fingers, is caused by prolonged exposure to vibration - typically from pneumatic drills or other such tools.

The ruling comes as the Government waits to learn how much money it will have to pay out to former miners claiming compensation for breathing in coal dust. There are up to 50,000 miners claiming.

Yesterday, three Court of Appeal judges ruling on VWF said that the Coal Board, run by the Department of Trade and Industry since privatisation, should have warned the miners of the dangers they faced. They should also have carried out more checks on the miners. Lord Justice Judge, who

cases representative of 25,000 others, said: "Provided the condition is recognised in its early minor form it will normally be cured by removing the em-ployee in question from work with vibrating tools."
One solicitor who represented many of the miners,

Hands of miners suffering from VWF

Roger Maddocks of Thomp-, said the Government's appeal had been pointless. "Taxpayers will now pick up the bill," he said. "They should demand to know how a nationalised industry could be run

with such appalling, and at times cynical, disregard for the health and safety of those who worked in it."

After yesterday's ruling the energy minister, John Battle, Another solicitor, Andrew

against the compensation lev-

els was always misconceived."

admitted it did nothing to min-

not prepared to admit that any

of the miners were actually

promised that the Government

suffering from VWF.

sation claims were dealt with quickly. Up to 3,000 of the more seriously affected miners could expect interim payments of £1,000 within three weeks. Damages awards challenged by British Coal ranged from £5.456 to £50,546.

Mr Battle said: "We sought clarification because we beheved that was the prudent and responsible course of action. We now bave that clarification. Miners with valid claims will be compensated fairly and in line

with the court's ruling. "We were certainly not out to Tucker, a partner of Irwin Mitchell, added: "The war has reduce levels of compensation below what the court deems been won by the miners and we fair. This was not a cost reduchave shown that the Governtion exercise hut about delivment's decision to appeal ering fairness and justice.

Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Unioo of Mine-The legal action dated from workers said: "The decision 1991, when thousands of miners means thousands of miners will benefit. It vindicates the claimed for compensation. Since then there have been long campaign conducted by the National Union of Minetwo High Court trials and two appeals. While British Coal had workers for justice for all miners suffering from this imise the risk of injury, it was dreadful disease.

Up to 50,000 former miners are claiming compensation from the Government for the effects of breathing in coal dust. A Bristol court stayed a decision on the claims earlier this week

Down the mines at 15, hands useless at 51

RAYMOND CHAPMAN can what I will do with it," he barely hold steady his cup of tea. A miner for 37 years, he spent 30 of them chipping away at the coalface of Barnborough

"It was a hard life. I was expected to fill 20 tons of coal in four hours using a pick and shovel." be said. "Sometimes you'd be up to your knees in water. It was a seven-and-aquarter-hour shift and I had to walk the three miles to and from work."

By his own admission Mr Chapman is hitter with British Coal and feels be deserves any several thousand pounds in compensation. I should have compensation. "Who knows been told what was happening.

Mr Chapman, from Rother-

ham, was 15 when he started working down the mine, following in the footsteps of his father. For the first few months he worked hauling the coal hut then he was moved on to the

In 1982 his hands started to show the effects of Vibration White Finger. A few years later hugely disappointed and angry - he was forced to retire on the grounds of ill

"I gave the mine the best compensation he can get. His years of my life," said Mr Chapsolicitor is currently "doing the man, who has four grandchilpaperwork" and he hopes to get dren. "I think I deserve the

I am not the only person in this situation - there are a lot of us

wbo have put in for this. "There was obviously a lot more money around when you were working, a lot more mooey coming in than when

Mr Chapman, whose soo is an electrician at the same mine, said he can now barely use his hands.

"They're not good for much. I can't do much with them," he said. "I can't do much gardening because I can't hold things and I can't pull the weeds up and stuff.

"I have also got arthritis in my knees from all the water and damp. It was hard work all

FT journalists lose battle for damages

FOUR JOURNALISTS have By DIANA BLAMIRES Diled in their High Court battle to seek damages for "injuries to their upper limbs which they claimed they suffered while working as sub-editors at the Financial Times.

Mr Justice Ian Kennedy yesterday ruled in favour of the newspaper in claims brought by Paul Hannon. Philip Little, Patrick Stites and Akwemailiovi Amosu.

The judge said: "I remain unpersuaded that the plaintiffs have on the balance of probability suffered from the physical problems they variously set out to establish

The journalists had argued that they suffered hiomechanical personal injuries, while the FT had claimed that the prob-

lems were psycho-social. In his ruling, the judge made it clear that the case was not about Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI), stating: "No doctor has argued that such a syndrome exists ... Each plaintiff has complained of specific musculo-skeletal disorders which are familiar in everyday medical practice."

The plaintiffs had alleged negligence and breach of statutory duty by the newspaper during the latter part of 1988. They had claimed that the newspaper did not create a safe working environment when it introduced new technology in 1987.

Mr Justice Kennedy noted: "The paper, in denying liabili-

ty, has accepted that these four plaintiffs have indeed suffered pain, albeit its case is that they have not suffered any person al injury; and certainly no injury for which it is answerable."

But the judge held that none of the plaintiffs, who were supported in the case by the National Union of Journalists. had "established a material breach of duty, whether common law or statutory, against the paper, and my judgment must be for the defendant".

After the hearing, Robin Pauley of the Financial Times said: "It confirms that the FT is a prudent and decent employer which was in no way neglige in introducing screen-based technology to the editorial

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Huntsman jailed for 'cruel beating' of protester

A HUNTSMAN who has ridden with the Prince of Wales was jailed for 15 months yesterday for attacking and robbing one of the directors of the League Against Cruel Sports.

Anthony Kirkham, 53, a farmer, kicked Christopher Owen in the head during what the judge called a "cruel beating" and ripped a £1,300 camera from his neck, after spotting him filming the Cheshire Hunt at Hoolield Hall. Huxley near Tarporley.

Kirkham, of Ridley Farm, Ridley near Tarporley had previously been given a 12-month suspended sentence for at-

tacking hunt protesters. His trial earlier in the week heard how Mr Owen, 42, a driving instructor, had been photo-

graphing the hunt, which Kirkham was following with a group of men in a Land-Rover because he was giving his horse

Mr Owen told the court a huntsman pointed him out to the men in Kirkham's Land-Rover, which drove towards him at speed. He was chased across a field and through a ditch before being caught and sprayed in the face with a liquid by one of the men. He was

Kirkham then approached and told him: "We have got you now. Owen, you're dead." The defendant kicked him in the head and he was kicked about the head and body several more times. Kirkham dragged him to his feet and ripped the

Canon camera from his neck When he went to the Land-Rover later and asked for his camera back Kirkham punched him in the chest and knocked him to the ground.

The judge, Mr Recorder Gerard Elias, told Kirkham, who had denied robbery, that he had been involved in a most serious assault.

"You targeted a man who was mioding his own lawful business and subjected him to hit over the head with a bottle. a cruel beating which involved you kicking him in the face with your Wellington boot," he said. Mr Owen said afterwards he

> during the attack. "I was terrified. It was just like a hunt in which I was the

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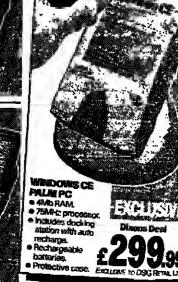
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Abandoned baby cases have tripled

TEENAGE PREGNANCIES and By GLENDA COOPER lack of support for desperate women has seen the number of mothers abandoning their children treble in the past 10 years.

While the numbers remain small they are still occurring at the rate of more than nne a week and children's charities warned they were a "cause for concern" with both mothers and children suffering dreadfully from an event that can mark the rest of their lives.

Earlier this month an hoursname Christine, was found dumped in a bag oear the bins at an Aberdeeo hospital. Last Christmas an appeal weot out for the mother of "Noel" to come forward after she abandoned him at Plymouth Civic Centre after telling staff she could not cope. She was found some days later wandering the streets in a distressed condition.

Social Affairs Correspondent

that while only 22 mothers were recorded by the police as abandoning their child under the age of two in 1986, the numbers have grown steadily, to 65 in 1996.

With the teenage pregnancy rate one of the highest in Europe, all too often it is scared young girls who leave their bahies to be cared for others says NCH Action For Children.

"Childreo are kept children old baby girl, now given the for longer, what with higher education ... there's a feeling that a lot of young people find that having sex is the only way to establish their adulthood," said Dr Lorraine Sherr, clinical

thinks they are oot the only teresting phenomenon," she stark contrast to the minority said. "In the past there wasn't who abandoo their baby be-Home Office figures reveal enough access to contraception cause they have been in denial

not the case now

"One of the most common traits is that those who abandon babies are themselves abandoned. By that I mean we always forget about meo in this scenario but the baby has two parents and the woman has nearly always been abandoned

by the man.

teenagers, hut older women have also ahandooed their child. Dr Sherr says what is remarkable about women who abandon their babies is the lengths they will go to to ensure they are safe. "They will wrap their baby in a hlanket or leave a oote, will call 999 from a call psychologist at the Royal Free box to stay they've found a baby and check that the baby is ones however. "It is a very in- found," she said. "This is in

or there was a stigma over about the pregnancy. They are single motherhood but that is far more likely to leave their baby under a bush or in a bag."

Felicity Collier, the director of the British Agencies for Adoptioo and Fostering, says that in most cases the birth mother and her child are reunited: "There are always a small proportion who aren't linked but now there are national appeals and the police can go round to the mater-Often, these mothers are nity hospital and the schools and the babies can be reunited with their mothers with appropriate

> For those who are not, the consequences can be devastating: "There is a gnawing pain for abandoned children because they do not know who they are," said Ms Collier. "They do not know what happened to their mother and do not know the reasons why she did it. They try to compensate hut there can he a terrible feeling of rejection."



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Anglican summit split on gay rights

ANGLICAN BISHOPS have By CLARE GARNER failed to reach a consensus on homosexuality, admitting their views range from those who see it as a disorder which can be cured by the grace of Christ to those who would gladly sanctioo the ordination of gays and same-sex unions. Many believe there should be a moraturium on such practices."

After two weeks of discusbishops in the section dealing with sexuality have produced a report which owns up to the divisions within the Church on bo-

mosexuality. The bishops fall into four main categories, according to the report. They are: "Those who believe homosexual orithrough the grace of Christ that relationships between people of the same gender should not include genital expression. that this is the clear teaching of the Bible and of the Church universal, and that such activ-

ity (if unrepented of) is a barrier to the Kingdom of God: "Those who believe that committed homosexual relationships fall short of the hiblical norm, but are to be preferred to relationships that are anonymous and transieot: and those who believe that the Church should accept and supsions behind closed doors, the port or bless monogamous covenant relationships between homosexual people and that they may be ordained."

The report, which will be put before all 750 bishops at the Lambeth Conference next week, underlines the depth of division on homosexuality. Some would say it is a miracle entation is a disorder, but that it was discussed at all, given the extreme sentiments involved. people can be changed, al- African bishops threatened to struggle; those who believe when asked to sit through a preseniation by gay, leshian and hi-sexual Christians. In the event, the presentation was cancelled. One African bishop asked

why, if they were discussing homosexuality, they were not also

considering bestiality and child abuse. However, his views did oot prevail, and homosexuality was not included in a list of "expressions of sexuality" the Church deems "inherently contrary to the Christian way" and "sinful." Such expressions were listed as including: "Promiscuity, incest, pornography, paedophilia, predatory sexual behaviour, sadomasochism (all of which may be heterosexual and homosexual), adultery, violence against wives, and fe-

male circumcision." Despite some African bishops' insistence that homosexuality is "a white man's disease", the report acknowledges "there are among us persons who experience themselves as having a homosexual orientation" without further 'qualification. Indeed, the report Church. "We wish to assure them that they are loved by God, and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons. regardless of sexual orientation. are full members of the Body of

IN BRIEF

Angel of Mostar freed

CHARITY WORKER Sally Becker was expected back in Britain today after being freed from a Yugoslav jail in Kosovo. A Foreign Office spokeswoman said she was being deported after the government "pardoned" her. She had been serving 30 days for entering the country without a visa. Miss Becker, 37, dubbed the Angel of Mostar for her humanitarian work in Bosnia, had been seriously ill after a five-day hunger strike.

Ministers close teaching loophole

MINISTERS YESTERDAY closed a loophole in the law to prevent banned teachers from returning to the classroom. New rules will mean supply-teacher agencies will have to check whether staff are oo the national list of people banned from teaching because of their past conduct or medical problems.

Scottish boy dies in Spanish fight

A SCOTTISH teenager has been killed during a fight in Spain. Justin Smith, 17, from Dennistoun, Glasgow, was struck oo the head by the leg of a bar stool during a fight between Scottish and English football fans in Benidorm, according to reports. It is understood that he had stopped to watch the fraces on Mooday wheo he was hit.

Dismembered body was call girl

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING the murder of two prostitutes in a city's red-light district have discovered remains belonging to a third call girl. A severed head, two arms and a leg were found near a water pumping station in Hull hut Humberside police are refusing to speculate as to whether the deaths are linked.

Pensioner denies war crimes

A PENSIONER yesterday denied committing war crimes hy murdering four Jews. Anthony Sawoniuk, 77, a retired rail worker from Bermondsey, south London, appeared at the Old Bailer accused of killing them in Belarus in 1942. The trial is likely to be in February. Bail was renewed as was a condition that Mr Sawoniuk must not go abroad.

Glasgow set for wet record

OFFICIAL FIGURES show Glasgow's summer has been ooe of the wettest since records began, Glasgow Weather Centre said more rain fell in June and July than in any other year since 1938. And forecasters have said it is going to get worse before it gets any better.

HOWARD JACOBSON

'I was knocked down and trampled by a runaway donkey on Morecambe Sands on August the 1st'

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Caravan park boy is still missing

BY BRIAN FARMER

HOPE WAS fading last night for a seveo-year-old hoy who vanished from a caravan park while on holiday with his family. Raymond Southall, of West

itor fif

Bromwich, West Midlands, disappeared shortly after fishing with his father Dean, 31, at the Billing Aquadrome leisure park, Northampton, on Thursday afternoon.

More than 100 police officers searched the 235-acre park throughout Thursday night and yesterday.

Raymond's mother, Sharon Southall, 31, and his grandfather aisn called Raymond Southall, 52, appealed for help in tracing the boy.

The holiday park, which houses about 1,000 caravans, is built on the site of nld gravel pits and contains about 12 leisure lakes or poods. It is bordered by the River Nene.

Chief Superintendent Boh Thurogood, who is leading the investigation, said the area was

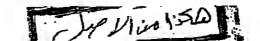
a "nightmare" to search. He said police had unearthed no positive sightings of Raymond since early yesterday

Raymond's family said the boy had been fishing with his father oear the family caravan at a small pool on the park.

At about 2.30pm he left his father, saying he was cycling to his grandparent's caravan. about two minutes ride away, to get another fishing rod. He was not seen again

Raymond's grandfather said members of the family spent about four hours searching before calling in police.

Mr Southall, a steel worker said of his son: "He would not let anyone take him. He has been brought up not to talk to



Cool Britannia makes tour trade hot

SUMMER 1998 is putting smiles on the faces of travel agents as last-minute tourists desperate to will be at full brochure price or escape Britain's dreary weather pay top prices for a place in

In one of the gloomiest summissing out on the usual shortnotice bargain breaks. Most travel agents warn that the few remaining holidays on offer

more. Airtours Holidays, a leading package-tour operator, has taken advantage of the late In one of the gloomiest summers for years, thousands are surge in bookings by bumping up the prices of its most popular destinations by an average

> Earlier this week the company sent a letter to its agents

telling them to maximise their "mutual earning potential".

Anita McErlean, director of said: "We are selling out very weather. Price increases are principally for the peak period of school holidays when de-

mand is exceptionally high." This "fluid pricing" policy, although legal, was condemned

corporate communications, bad practice for the consumer. It is unfair, and we would advise fast, mainly because of poor people to go with those companies that stick to the

brochure price." Debbie Bloor, of the tour operator Thomson, admitted that this year popular destinations such as Majorca and Ibiza

14-night half-board breaks in Majorca at £585 per person, or in Ibiza at £653 with Thomson, but Ms Bloor admitted they were "not outstanding deals".

She said: "Consumers need to be very flexible this year. Demand is nearly outstripping supply, so they need to take

We try to discourage people waiting for last-minute deals by offering discounts earlier in the season. Although our brochure price is the ceiling price cus-

tomers will have to pay." The Association of British

Travel Agents admitted that this all used fluid pricing policies in could be the best year so far for

this year than ever before because of the bad weather and

the good exchange rate. "The industry is already around 5 per cent up on last

the past three years, although

by the National Consumer were far from cheap for sun-Council Its spokesman, Rory seeking families. whatever is on offer to what-Hegarty, said: "This is very Holiday-makers can still get Ho

The mainstream tour operator Cosmos still has plenty of holidays in Tenerife and the

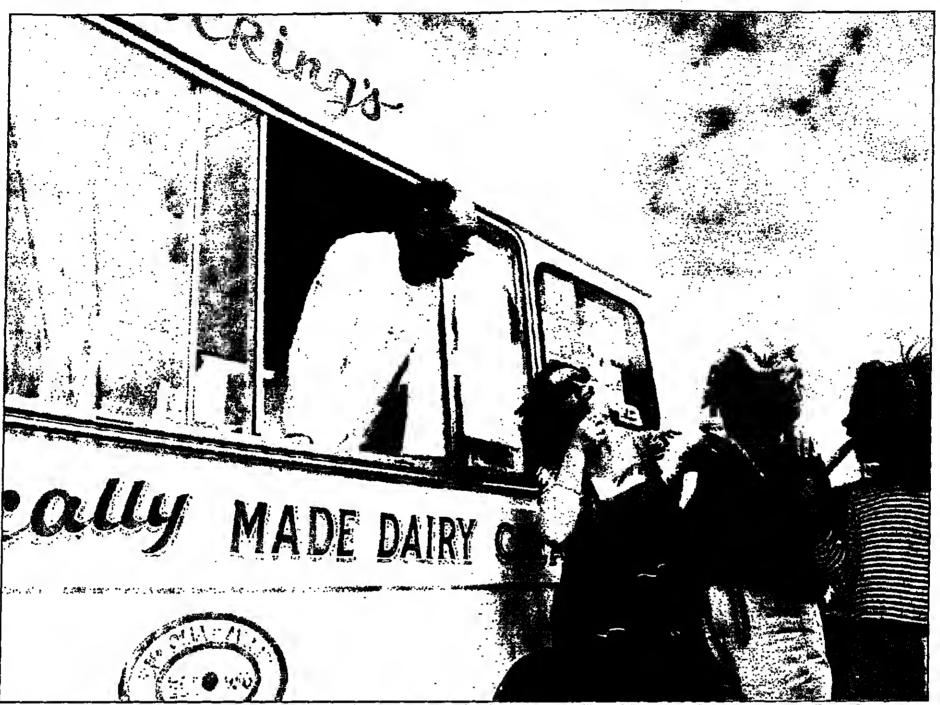
Algarve. A spokeswoman said: "We've ot no bargain-bucket deals but there are still pleoty of places for those wanting to get

... but is a dampener for the ice cream vendor

GEOFFREY HOCKING is a fourth-generation partner in Hockings ice cream company in Devon. "The lack of sun may mean fewer tourists but those who do holiday bere, as well as our regular local customers. huy ice-creams whatever the weather. Stoicism in the face of adversity is part of our British make-up. So if people have come here to relax, they'll make absolutely sure that they enjoy themselves. And what better enjoyment is there than a home-made ice cream with a generous dollop of Devon clotted cream?"

...the resort landlord

JIM NORRIS owns the Apollo guest-house in Hastings, East Sussex, "My main enemy this year has been the World Cup more than the weather. The grey and dull summer has lost me business, as many people have opted for a boliday abroad. The repercussions of a World Cup oo our doorstep though. have been far more severe. East Sussex usually attracts many Swedes and Norwegians during the summer mooths, but this year I've barely had to use my phrase-hooks. Most visltors are making a last-minute, impromptu decision to come here. Hopefully, August will prove to he a more fruitful



Geoffrey Hocking sells his wares at the resort of Westward Ho! in Devon. People enjoy themselves regardless of the weather, he says

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Where to **GET AWAY**

PROSPECTIVE holidaymak ers who have not yet booked their holidays still have plenty of options.

Smaller operators say they have no intention of raising prices to take advantage of peak-season demand. John Harding, managing director of Travelscene, said "Our holidays will remain at published hrochure prices, and we have

good availability." City-break bargains are also beginning to appear, with Paris Travel Service selling weekends in the French capital for £99, and the Thomas Cook subsidiary Time Off offering one night in Madrid for

For more exotic destinations, there is no sbortage of options. Neil Taylor of Regeot Holidays said air fares to Peking are good value at around £400 return.

Long-haul travel company Kuoni has just published a brochure dedicated to seasonal bargains. Those willing to endure a longer flight to an exotic location can pick up a week long holiday to Grenada for £499, flight and accommodation only, or for the same price, eight nights in Cuba full board.

With Sterling remaining strong, the best bet for a late-notice break could be a independently assembled holiday. The merger earlier this year of the two largest ferry companies across the English Channel, P&O and Stena, has not led to substantially higher fares for those wishing to cross the Channel, In addition, this summer has seen more new destinations from no-frills airlines than ever be-

SIMON CALDER

...the shop owner

ageress of the John o' Groats Knitwear shop, in the most north-easterly point in Britain. The bad weather has obviously discouraged potential tourists from making the pilgrimage to

SANDRA SINCLAIR is man- from here. It gives you a feel- KEVIN BARRAND is Resorts ing of living, rather than merely existing there really is nowhere like it. Also, while the tea-shop may be suffering from the lack of visitors, our outdoors shopping section is trading John o' Groats. But all the briskly: You would be surprised sandy heaches of Spain aren't how many people leave their a patch on the view we enjoy umbrella at home."

... and the entertainer

and Entertainments Officer in Scarborough "Deck-chair leases are down 10 per cent from last year ... So we're all hoping the sun will come out before the middle of August. It will all be with ease. We've yet to see any downhill from there if it doesn't. At the moment, the beaches are predictably quiet, as most peo-

ple are only using them during the few short periods of sunshine. Looking on the hright side though, the poor summer weather has enabled our new sun-bed range to be launched unruly confrontations ... be tween over-keen tourists first thing in the morning."

Factor fifty clothes put sun creams in the shade

BY CLARE GARNER

THE EDWARDIANS had the right idea with their elegant hats and parasols, but technical advances in textile manufacturing have given rise to a new sun-protection factor.

In response to the depleting ozone laver, fashion designers are beginning to explore the use of sun-protective fabrics in their garments as a way of shielding the wearer's skin from the Sun's increasingly harmful rays. Just as sun creams have a sun-protection factor (SPF), so clothes are starting to have an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF).

Karen Scott, a graduate in fashion and millinery from the Royal College of Art and this year's winner of BT's £8,000 bursary for outstanding personal achievement, has designed a line of hats and modern parasols with a sun-protection factor of up to 50 UPF - higher than that provided by the average sun cream.

Miss Scott's Chiaroscuro collection was inspired by her efforts to conceal her own pale skin from the Sun. "People don't realise how we can take fabrics into the future and find

"I'm always wanting to shade myself, but I also want to land in the previous five years. maintain the grace of winter when I can feel good, comfortable and elegant. In summer tion that textiles provide total with the conventional sun hat plonked on your head, you don't feel very special. I'm trying to confront that situation.

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Designer Karen Scott's sun-protective hats

Her hats fall into two categories: the structured pieces and modern parasols, which create a well of shade, and soft voluminous scarves, which veil the neck and wrap the shoulders, some reaching down to cover the hands.

Despite an increased use of interesting and high-tech re- sun creams, world skin cancer ation catwalk show last month sponses to this changing cli-rates are still increasing. In mate," she said. "I thought it Britain, there are about 2,000 would be a fun exploration, deaths each year and, in 1992, knowing how I feel in the Sun. a study reported an 82 per cent increase in melanomas in Scot-

Miss Scott is concerned about the general misconcepprotection against the effects of ultraviolet rays (UVR). Most summer clothing has a UPF of less than 15. The colour and shade of a fabric affect its UPF. 50 garment would enable a fair-A dark, heavy, closely woven fabric has the highest UPF - the exact opposite of what the wearer is looking for in summer.

These findings prompted Miss Scott, 28, to research how to increase the UVR resistance of light shades and her graducaptured the serenity and grace of figures gliding through a bright white heat.

In order to achieve this blend of practicality and elegance in her "dress to protect" Chiaroscuro collection, Miss Scott used ultraviolet absorber products from a chemical company called Clariant UK. Once applied, the coating ensures that only 5 to 10 per cent of ultraviolet rays can penetrate the fabric. Wearing a UPF

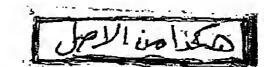
skinned wearer to spend an extra five hours in the Sun with-

Rui Xavier

out burning. Several companies have embraced the need for clothing with a high UPF factor, researching coatings and technical textiles which respond to the environment.

Two Australian companies Kaola Konnection and Sting Ray, have produced a range of ultraviolet protective clothing. including swim suits for children. As part of its Sun Know How campaign, the Health Education Authority in Britain has learned up with the clothing company Retro UK Ltd to produce children's summer clothing out of fabrics with a





This is one of the many special offers worth specking out at participal

UK declares total ban on landmines

BRITAIN YESTERDAY sought to take the moral high ground or hringing in a total ban.

The announcement by George Robertson, Secretary of Stale for Defence, anticipates an international law on the issue. He is trying to put pressure on countries, including the US Russia, China India. the world Turkey and Pakistan, that have failed to sign the Ottawa Convention banning the weapons.

Mr Robertson declared the prohibition on nunes ahead of the anniversary of the death of Diana Princess of Wales, a leading figure in the campaign to ball them.

moratorium ou mines iu May last year, but they could have been used in "exceptional cir-cumstances". From yesterday there will be no exemptions.

In answer to Chris Mullin. Labour MP for Sunderland South, Mr Robertson said that orders had been issued to all Command Headquarters and training establishments banning mines.

BY BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

"We intend this to be an international example to others." Mr Robertson said. Britain is already destroying stockpiles and helping in "de-

mining" projects throughout Earlier Mr Robertson said the Government was making a concerted effort to persuade other countries to sign the treaty, expected to come into

force later this year. He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "The most professional army in the world British forces introduced a now has said that this is not a system that is morally correct

There is a huge problem out there of countries who have still not signed. We must use Britain's moral authority to make sure our position becomes the international stan-

ian Bray, of Oxfam, wel-

policy of allowing the use of the weapons in exceptional circumstances constituted a 'huge anomaly".

Forty countries would need to sign the convention before it ssed into international law. By yesterday 37 nations had signed. Mr Bray pointed out that the US was refusing to adopt the policy because it contends that it needs to use antipersonnel landmines in Korea. But America has indicated it was seeking alternatives to the weapons and aimed to ratify the

treaty by the year 2002. Lou McGrath of the Mines Advisory Group, a charitable organisation involved in clearing operations in Angola, Northern Iraq, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, believes the British Army He pointed out that the UK was often involved in Nato operations with the USA and Turkey both of which would still deploy the weapons.

Mines were last used by the United Kingdom in the Gulf War comed the Government's deci- when they were dropped by sion and said that the previous Tornado jets on traci airfields.



George Robertson, with L/Cpl Nikki Nunn of the Royal Logistics Corp, helps to destroy landmines



A Transport question: can we go now?

A DEMOB-HAPPY House of Commons met for the last time before the summer recess to hear the new Minister of Transport, Dr John Reid, unveil the Government's roads review.

With suitcases packed for European beaches, some MPs were dressed as though they were Gatwick-bound as soon as the House rose. Douglas Hogg (C, Sleaford & North Hykeham) was in a lannels, while Bob Marshall-Andrews (Lab, Medway) wore a lightweight powderblue suit ready for the airport

Dr Reid, who is popular on all sides, took the House by storm in a confident performance, having had 72 hours in his post to mug up nn 147 decisions. He announced that building roads will not be the first option but that motorists would be helped by investment in road maintenance.

The Tory spokesman Gillian Shephard gave Dr Reida generous welcome but her response, which began well, went on and on, incurring the wrath of the Deputy Prime Minister, Juhn Prescott, who flanked Dr Reid.

When Mrs Shephard came to her peroration "jams today and jams tomorrow", Mr Prescott reverted to his backbench hooligan days with sedentary comments: "Pathetic. What a load of rubbish. You've asked 115 questions." Dr Reid said he would ignore the 110 "which were merely casting abuse". He re-

minded the Opposition that

they had nnly built one hy-pass in 1996-97. "One!" bel-

lowed Mr Prescott. The minister said that the Tory programme of bypasses he inherited was a "fantasy football wish-list which were never planned or funded". Dr Reid ended his exchange with Mrs Shephard clearly on top of his brief, earning a public backslap

from Mr Prescott: "That's only after 72 hours in the job." The minister then faced individual questinns from about 30 backbenchers, from all sides, specific to

BROWN their own constituencies. Matthew Taylor (Truro & mocrat transport spokesman felt the cut in the bypass programme was Treasury costcutting rather than a conscious environmental policy. He drew groans from Mr Prescott when he said: "This

than Green. Dr Reid shot back: "I presume they are as united un this as they are on other policies. I look forward to hearing the other six views", as be glowered at the remaining six MPs next to Mr Taylor.

statement is more Brown

The minister fielded dozens of questions ranging from the Bingley relief road, the Great Barford bypass through to the Winterbourne Stoke bypass and not forgetting the Heddon road improvement scheme. He must have spent the past three days like a rookie London taxi driver mugging up nn his A-Z nf street names. He was helped surreptitiously hy Mr Prescott, whn muttered the odd prompt in his ear, and if he had forgotten the odd detail he had the wit to fall back on the timehonoured but perfectly acceptable ministerial copout: "I will write to my Hunnurable Friend".

We got to the end but nearly lost our holidays when the government whip Robert Ainsworth was called upon by Madam Speaker. He sat tight, didn't move and said nothing. "Adjournment," she shrieked. "Move the adjournment." He finally cottoned on and lumbered to his feet. "I beg to move this House do now adjourn," Madam Speaker shot off like a bat out of hell and packed her bikini as MPs followed suit.

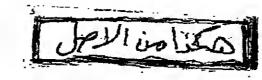


THE HOUSE

Crime and Disorder Bill wins assent

THE CRIME and Disorder Bill, cracking down nn nuisance neighbours and bringing faster justice for youths, gained Royal Assent yesterday after ministers bowed to the Lords

and left out a move to cut the gay age of consent to 16. Royal Assent was also announced for the Government of Wales Bill, devolving administration to a Welsh Assembly; the National Minimum Wage Bill, allowing ministers to set a minimum wage of £3.60 an hour for adults and £3 for young people; and the Budget-enacting Finance Bill.



'How Dad's Army won the ratings war



THE SUCCESS of Dad's Army is summed up in a line from its first episode when the bumptious Capt Mainwaring says: The machine-guns could have Laa clear field of fire from bere to Timothy White's, if it wasn't for that woman in the telephone

That formula, a classic celebration of the British amateur, reached its 30th anniversary yesterday, still pulling in millions of viewers for the BBC.

The surviving members of the cast, including Clive Dunn. Bill Pertwee and Ian Lavender, joined the sitcom's writers David Croft and Jimmy Perry for a reunioo at the Imperial War Museum in Loodoo to mark the transmission of the first episode in July 1968.

Eighty episodes were made, telling of the war-time adventures of Capt Mainwaring and the motley crew of the Walm-

ington-oo-Sea Home Guard. That first, black and white series is being re-shown oo BBC 2 and attracting 4.6m viewers, making it the channel's third-highest show in the ratings. It is outperforming BBC 2 repeats of Hove I Got News For You. and almost matching Channel 4's expensive import Friends.

When the series was shown on BBC 1 last year at a peak hour on Saturday nights it had an average of 7 million viewers and a 40 per cent share of viewing beating more contemporary comedies, such as The Simpsons, in the same slot.

BY PAUL MCCANN **Media Editor**

kidding Mr Hitler" it drew 21 million viewers, more than soap heavyweights such as Coronation Street and EastEnders

Geoffrey Perkins, the BBC'a head of comedy, believes the show has been critically reevaluated since its first run. "A lot of contemporary comedy writers had thought it slapstick, but watching it again they appreciate the characterisation and the writing.

"When it first appeared it was not thought likely to be a about bow that got started," classic. It was regarded by one critic as full of gags, oot char-acters, which is just oonsense. It was also regarded as controversial because it was still close to the war and it was thought to be disrespectful."

Graham Lineban, the cocreator of Father Ted, says creating a classic can be a matter of chance. "Hitting on a bunch of characters who work well together is almost entirely to do with luck. When Arthur Matthews and I started writing Futher Ted we just wanted it to be funny, we didn't know you needed characters that work well together for it to be long-

Linehan believes Dad's Army was modern. The first episode begins with them all made-up as even older, old men reminiscing about the war, so the whole thing is really one far higher. With its theme tune they knew it would be a classic love Del Boy.

"It's genius. It is brilliantly weird having an army with an incootinent soldier and a corporal saying, Would you mind awfully falling in, and them fighting about who gets to bold the gun. I love it."

The class warfare between Mainwaring and Wilson, once sented by a monocle, was a key element. When it was first being filmed BBC managers could never understand why the most upper-class officer, played by John Le Mesurier, was being ordered around by Arthur Lowe'a middle-class bank manager.

There are a lot of myths said Jimmy Perry yesterday. "But we decided it was funnier to have the grammar-school boy in charge of the public-school idiot. In fact they were both idiots, but in different ways. It is always funnier to have the idiots in charge. That's how Fluidty Towers works too."

Croft and Perry are not keen to analyse their comedy, but David Croft concedes they operated by rules. "It was wellintentioned, not harmful. Something happened, they didn't just sit on a sofa and talk, and although they were amateurs they would always win out in the end.

Kevin Lygo, Channel 4's head of entertainment, believes It is a classic because it is inclusive. "Old people and kids get something from it. Almost every classic comedy is nonexclusive. And as a nation we At its peak the figures were long flashback - almost as if love the failing Brit. It's why we



Ian Lavender, Clive Dunn and Bill Pertwee at the Imperial War Museum yesterday, and (below), Dad's Army in its heyday





Potridge : Young Ones Absolutely Fabulous Last of Summer Wine Rising Damp Rise and Fall of Reggie Pentin Only Foots and Horses likely Lads Hancock's Halt Hour Steptoe and Soo Father Ted

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'Allo 'Allo Ain't Half Hot Mum Sorry George and Mildred Terry and June Solo Robin's Nest Me and My Girl All Gas and Gaiters Father Dear Father Going Straight Bless This House Dear John-

On The Buses

Extraterrestrial clue to left-handedness

BY STEVE CONNOR Scieoce Editor

ASTRONOMERS HAVE found evidence to support the controversial theory that the building blocks of life originated in outer space and were carried to Earth on comets about 4 billion years ago. Scientists have discovered a

phenomenon in the region of the Giant Nebula, a massive cloud of gas in the Orion constellation, which could explain why biological molecules on Earth are all "left handed". Organic molecules neces-

sary for life, such as amino acids, can exist in one of two forms, which are both right and left-handed mirror images of each other. But in practice they only occur in the left-handed form.

For the past 150 years, scientists have found it difficult to explain why the buildings blocks of life should all be lefthanded wheo it is just as easy to make the right-handed mir-

One possible explanation for the origin of biological lefthandedness is that it had an extraterrestrial aource which meant that the earliest life forms began using left-handed



The Orion Nebula, where right-handers are rare Nasa

ed, could never use the righthanded forms. Early support for the idea came with the discovery of an hombarded

Another feature of left-right abundance of left-handed amino acids in a meteorite which fell in 1969 in the Murchison area near Victoria in New South Wales, Australia. Scientists also found that the Murchison meteorite was about 4.5 billion years old, confirming that left-bandedness

life on Earth which occurred about 3.8 billion years ago. This suggested that the organic molecules necessary for early lifeforms on Earth could

in space predated the origin of

oo the back of comets or meteors during the period when the early world was beavily

symmetry in biological molecules was discovered in the 1930s. Scientists found that a type of light, called circularised polarised light, which can rotate either clockwise or anti-clockwise, can selectively destroy either right-handed or left-handed molecules depending oo the direction the light is rotating.

A team of researchers, which included Professor James Hough of the University of Hertfordshire, report in the molecules and, once they start- have come from space, riding current issue of the journal

Science that they have now found a region of circularised polarised infrared light in a region of the Giant Nebula called the Orioo Molecular Cloud 1.

We know that new stars are being formed here, and we also know that organic molecules are present. This region may well be similar to the region in which our own solar system formed," Professor Hough said.

The circular polarised light in the region we investigated could imprint a preferred handedness in any organic molecules in the region, including those in a cloud begann collapse to form a star and its planets," be said.

"These results therefore suggest that the suitability of our planet for life may be as much a consequence of the environment in which our solar system formed as of the local conditions on the early Earth." Professor Hough said that al-

though the discovery falls short of proof that life's building blocks came from outer space. "We believe it'a the most plausible explanation to date."

The astronomers made their discovery using the Anglo-Australian Telescope near Coobabaraban in New South Wales and using instruments made at

Killer wins rhino horn fight

RHINO HORN worth nearly £3 BY IAN SHOESMITH millioo is to be returned to a convicted killer who plotted to sell it illegally, to the shock and anger of the RSPCA.

Yesterday the Court of Appeal refused to allow the Crown Prosecution Service to appeal to the House of Lords in the case of Wilfred Bull, In February he had been convicted of ed, but in June the Court of Apconspiring to sell the world's peal ruled that they should be largest rhino horn haul, a plot returned as they were collect-

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be hatched from his prison cell where he was serving life for murdering his wife in 1986. Bull, 63, , was sentenced to 15 months to run concurrently.

The borns - used as an aphrodisiac and as medicine in the Far East - were confiscat-

ed before strict import con- a confusing message to those trois were introduced under the 1985 Control of Trade in Endangered Species Act.

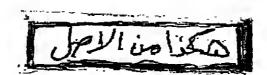
David Bowles, head of the RSPCA's international department, said: "This is an extremely disappointing result and one which will have severe ramifications worldwide.

"By returning the born to someone convicted of such a serious crime, we are sending out troduction of the earlier laws.

we are trying to influence. "Now there's the possibility that it's going to get back to the

international market." Although the world ban on rhino horn sale started in 1985, similar laws were pessed in the UK in 1976. The RSPCA said Bull should have been required to prove that the borns were brought into the UK before in-

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Transport: £125m tunnel near Stonehenge survives, as dozens of building projects fall by the wayside in Whitehall

Ministers' red light for road schemes

EIGHTEEN major road By RANDEEP RAMESH schemes were axed and plans for 60 more were shelved despite overwhelming public demand for highways and bypasses, the Government's roads review revealed yesterday.

Nearly 90 per cent of responses to the year-long consultation on the review were in favour of road-building but ministers opted to proceed with only 37 of the 125 possible schemes. Ministers pointed out that 75 per cent of the responses in favour of road-building were prompted by "strong local lobbying campaigns".

The review also angered environmentalists by giving the green light to widening the husiest section of the M25 London orbital road between junctions 12 and 15 near Heathrow airport, intensifying speculation that the go-ahead will be given for the expansion of Heathrow Terminal 5. The plans will see a short section of the highway expanded from 8 to 12 lanes.

This nonsensical decision

Transport Correspondent

will make congestion to the west of London worse and eat up nearly £95m that could have been spent on public transport," said Roger Higman, spokesman for the environmental group Friends of the Earth.

Ministers defended the decision, saying this section was "beavily congested". with 200,000 vehicles a day, and that 'more capacity is needed".

Other high-profile schemes to be given the green light included the two-mile Polegate bypass outside Eastbourne and a one-and-a-half mile cut-andcover tunnel on the A303 near Stonehenge in Wiltshire.

John Reid, the transport minister, said one-third of the £125m bill for the tunnel would be met by the Department of Culture, Media and Sports, "It is in recognition that Stonehenge has an international reputation as a beauty spot," he

been covered.

said. Ministers promised all 37 John Prescott, the Deputy have exactly the same conge schemes in the £1.4bn roadbuilding programme would be started within seven years. The review also included a

number of radical measures aimed at easing congestion. Ministers are considering bus lanes and "multi-occupancy lanes" - which would be reserved for cars carrying more than one person - for the M25 motorway, to cut traffic jams.

Tolls, said Mr Reid, will play an important part in funding new road schemes. A pilot study will consider charging motorists to pay for a fourmile tunnel under the Devil's Punchbowl, a Surrey heathland which is bome to many rare birds and plants.

Charges paid by motorists using the Dartford crossing in London, which amount to £60m a year, will be switched early next century to funding road improvements after the crossing's development costs have

The Hull constituency of

Prime Minister, who is in charge of transport, will be a beneficiary of the review, with

nearby A1033. The roads lobby, however, said it was "disappointed" that the bulk of the schemes reviewed would be deferred or dropped. As well as the 18 schemes withdrawn from the national programme, a further 19 bave been placed in the control of local highway authorities, and it will be up to them, or up

to the new Greater London au-

thority, to decide whether to take

them forward as local schemes. In addition, 44 schemes will be considered under the new appraisal method by Mr Reid. They will be reviewed by regional planning conferences as transport problems requiring broad solutions, not necessarily road solutions".

Richard Diment of the BRF; which represents road-builders, said: "The widening of the M25 is welcome, but the M6 and MI

tion problems which could be alleviated by widening."

Edmund King, head of campaigns for the RAC, said: "The Government's integrated transport policy is in danger of bypassing roads due to severe

cuts to the roads programme. The Government must remember that integrated transport includes roads, and buses cars, cycles and trucks all have to run on the roads."

Among the schemes which have been axed are the A49 Hereford bypass and the M1 J10-J14 widening in Hertfordshire. "Trunk roads have a vital role to play in our transport system-but they cannot be looked at in isolation," said Mr Reid.

He said the review signalled an end to the old Tory policy of having a "wish list" of road schemes, many of which had no real hope of ever being built.

The Liberal Democrats said some towns and villages needed bypasses and these should have stayed in the programme. 33 A2 34 A2 35 M25

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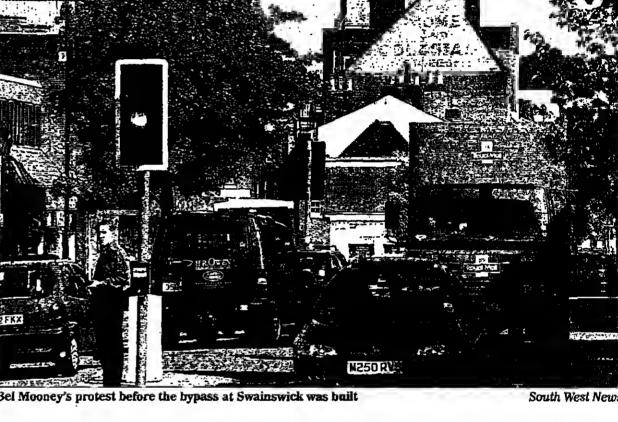




Berkhamsted blossoms with blooms, and bollards, since its bypass was built



Bel Mooney's protest before the bypass at Swainswick was built



... but village finds fewer cars mean higher speeds

WHEN THE bypass around Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire was opened five years ago it. halved the amount of traffic in the town centre and drastically reduced the number of road accidents.

The prosperous commuter heartland and former market town was one of six places to benefit from an initiative by the last government to invest in bypasses whilst simultaneously developing the road system within the town centre.

Adequate provision was unide for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users, so that other towns and villages could learn how to avoid being overwhelmed by in-

BY LINUS GREGORIADIS

ed to participate in the "Bypass Demonstration Project" were Dalton-in-Furness in Cumbria. Whiteburch in Shropshire. Market Harborough in Leicestershire, Wadebridge in Cornwall and Petersfield in Hampshire.

tion, the pro-roads lobby, generally realised.

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creased local traffic when their bypass had been a great sucbypasses were built. The other six towns select-

Beacon bypass project

breathes life into town

The British Roads Federa-

backed the initiative and said that bypasses generated more economic benefits than was

Rob Smith, head of sustain-

vesterday that Berkhamsted's

"It gave us an opportunity to redistribute the road space in favour of shoppers. It took the space away from the car and

The Government put in about film and the county council and the borough put in another £1m to improve the road layout. It has brought quite a change in the environment. It also cut the amount of accidents

by half." Mr Smith added: "The perception is that the bypass and the other work have breathed life back into the town. There

fordshire County Council, said are more visitors coming into the shops. The town is definitely thriving and it has been helped by the bypass."

Ron Cowie, chairman of Berkhamsted and District Chamber of Commerce, said that traffic had gradually increased since the bypass was opened in autumn, 1993.

He said: "Since the bypass was built the traffic is not as bad as it was but a lot of traffic has come back. Shortly after it was opened a new Waitrose opened.

The bypass has improved communications with other towns and that may bave been one of the reasons why we have more office premises and light industrial premises."

THE BYPASS of Batheaston and Swainswick in Avon has been condemned because of a failure

to introduce effective trafficcalming measures in Batheaston's town centre. The £75m stretch of road made the headlines before it was opened two years ago

when Bel Mooney, the author and wife of Jonathan Dimbleby, joined the campaigners protesting against the devel-

In 1994 she went on an eightday fast to protest against the 2.6 mile bypass cutting through an Iron Age fort near the counie's home at Swainswick. Supporters of the new road. plain about the traffic in the which cost £75m, say it bas re-

BY LINUS GREGORIADIS

duced traffic and pollution in the places it bypasses The Department of Transport claimed that it was "set to improve the lives of thousands of local people" and that there would be "far fewer lorries

thundering past their doorsteps, a much better environment to live in and the chance to recapture some of the tranquillity that has been so sorely lacking in recent years". It was hailed as a quicker

route for motorists commuting to and from Bath. However, many people in Batheaston continue to com-

freedom to drive more quickly

traffic-calming measures. Rebecca Wilcox, who has lived in the town for 25 years, said yesterday: "There has been some traffic calming but there is a terrible problem with speeding. We don't have so many lorries now but the cars which still drive through the town go much faster. It used to

in the absence of successful

be one long traffic jam." She added: "I think sleeping policemen might work better than the chicanes that bave been introduced. They have increased the amount of park-

ing allowed on the road to slow

Eight jailed after three

High Street because the re-things down but it hasn't made

maining motorists exploit the a lot of difference." People in nearby Bathampton say there has been an increase in traffic there, caused by motorists trying to avoid con-

gestion caused by the bypass. "In peak periods there can be a 45-minute wait for traffic trying to get on to the new western bypass roundabout," Ms Wilcox said.

But she added: "Just about everyone who lives on the Batheaston Road wanted the bypass. The situation was intolerable. with lorries going right past peo-ple's front doors. Before it was built two old ladies were killed and children were always getting knocked over."

Nurse disciplined for TV broadcasts of dispensing drugs

UNION LEADERS are seeking an urgent meeting with the Department of Health after a nurse was disciplined for administering drugs.

The public service union Unison says that Susan Shine, 35, an occupational health nurse who worked for Cleveland police authority, was providing medicines in the same her colleagues every day all over the country:

While there is a degree of latitude over nurses' use of drugs. there is considerable confusion over what is allowed.

The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (UKCC) "cautioned" Ms Shine for giving vaccinations, antibiotics and painkillers to police officers. despite a decision by the Crown Prosecution Service that a prosecution would not have been "in the public interest".

BY BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Unison wants a meeting with Frank Dobson. Secretary of State for Health, in an attempt

to clear up the confusion. Bob Abberley, head of health at the union, said that unless the situation was clarified, his organisation would advise its way as "tens of thousands" of nursing members to refuse to administer niedicines without the authority of a doctor. The union is also considering legal

action against the authority. If nurses refused to orescribe drugs it could lead to lic health when nursing staff are often forced to operate without

the supervision of doctors. Mr Abberley claimed the reference to the UKCC. a statutory professional body. had followed a complaint of sexual discrimination by Ms Shine. The union official said that

Ms Shine had vaccinated police officers against hepatitis B after they were bitten by suspects and had also administered painkillers to patients.

There is no question that she is a first-class nurse and there has never been any accusation that there were any ill-effects from ber work. It is custom and practice all over the country for nursing staff to administer the kind of drugs prescribed by Ms Shine."

A spokesman for the UKCC said that only nurses with special training or in designated areas were allowed to give cerproblems in key areas of pub- tain medicines and Ms Shine was in neither category.

The Royal College of Nursing said that technically the body was correct but the law had not caught up with nursing practice. Although the "caution" would stay on her record for five years, it was the most lenient penalty open to the UKCC.

police raids are attacked by judge

THE GROWING practice of the media being invited to attend police raids during crime investigations and immediately broadcasting what they have seen was strongly criticised in the High Court yesterday.

A judge called for new Home Office guidance to police forces on relations between police and the media as be gave judgment in the case of a London shop-owner who protested that be was "humiliated on television" during a search for ille-

gally held stuffed animals. Lord Justice Rose said that save in exceptional circumstances it did not seem to him to be in the public interest for procedures such as the execution of search warrants and interviews of suspects that might involve innocent people to be published in the media

He added: "For my part, I ty or impropriety.

would deplore a general practice by any police force of inviting the media along to be present when investigative procedures are being undertaken.

Despite the criticism, Lord Justice Rose, sitting in London with Mr Justice Bell, dismissed an application for judicial review by Robert Sclare, who protested over his ordeal when his shop Get Stuffed, in Islington, oorth London, was raided in March.

Up to 30 police officers, accompanied by reporters, a televisioo crew, officials from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and campaigners against the trade in wild ani-

mals, were involved in the raid. The judges ruled that although the raid caused them disquiet, there was no illegalian elderly neighbour.

decades of sex abuse By GLENDA COOPER

EIGHT PEOPLE - including four members of the same family - were yesterday jailed for their part in a sex abuse ring in the West Country which remained undiscovered for more than three decades.

In what is believed to be the largest number of offences by one family ever brought to court, nine people were convicted of a total of 79 charges of rape, indecent assault and serious sexual offences between 1961 and 1995. One was children.

given a suspeoded sentence. Both children and grandchildren were abused, and Judge William Taylor told the packed Crown Court that what took place over 35 years was wickedness beyond belief."

The sentencing included the randparents of the family, two of their sons and one daughter as well her husband, one of the sons' wives, a male cousin and Social Affairs Correspondent

The judge jailed the grandfather of the family for 25 years, telling him he had "dragged"

his wife and family into abuse. His wife was jailed for a total of 14 years by Judge Taylor, who told her she had "totally abrogated" her responsibility as a mother because she had known from the beginning what her husband was doing to their

The grandparents had had seven children - three sons and four daughters. "You corrupted each in turn," the judge told the couple. The children were encouraged or forced to abuse each other, and other family members, neighbours and friends were invited to "use"

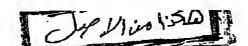
Police investigations first began into suspicions of abuse in 1992, but there was insuffi- years.

cient evidence to bring charges. The abusers were finally brought to the dock in 1996 when more information came to light.

The couple's son-in-law was jailed for 18 years and his wife. was sentenced to two years. sentence suspended for two years, after admitting a charge

of rape involving her daughter. Two of the grandparents' three sons also appeared in the dock. One was convicted of offences involving his two daughters and two nieces and jailed for 14 years. His wife was jailed for five years. The other son, who bad also been abused, was convicted of one offence of raping one of his sisters at knifepoint when be was 16,

and was jailed for three years. The others who were jailed included an elderly neighbour of the family jailed for 16 years and a male cousin jailed for five





Presidency hits a new ratings low

THE WHITE House spin machine went into action yesterday to counter the revelation that "that dress" had been sent to FBI laboratories to be tested for semen stains.

The sordid nature of the allegations, however, and the implicit confirmation that the dress - which has been at the centre of rumour and innuendo since January – does really exist, plunged the standing of the US Presidency, even in the eyes of liberal commentators, to one of its lowest points on

scribed himself recently as "the luckiest man on earth" might finally be running out. Is Bill Clinton – a President so gifted, but oh so flawed-finally cornered? An older, perhaps wiser, Monica Lewinsky, just turned 25, is talking about what she told her friend Linda Tripp was an

in Washington

the precincts of the Oval Office. The independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, is now in possession of highly damaging evidence, including the dress. How can the great escape artist possibly get out of this? Mr Clinton is on record as

denying a sexual affair. He de-nied it in his sworn testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit and he denied it again in his "I did not have sexual relations with that woman" statement. The questioning in the Paula Jones case went to great lengths to clarify exactly what Mr Clinton was denying, and this included oral sex.

The line of questioning was believed to stem from recorts that Mr Clinton drew a distinction between oral sex and sexual intercourse for personal moral purposes. His denials in the Paula Jones case appear

If the dress tests negative and Mr Clinton persists with his outright denials, it is possible that the investigation ends in stalemate: a "he said/she said" dispute, where the circum-Lewinsky's version, but nothing clinches the argument absolutely. Then, Mr Clinton may well be off the hook; tarnished, but - as so often - off the hook.

. If the tests and a DNA test on a Clinton hair prove the worst, though, then what? Washington punditry suggests that Mr Clinton might well decide to throw himself on the mercy of the American people.

That would entail an admission that when he gave evidence under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, he committed perjury, and that his televised denial was also false. He could announce his resignation, but past evidence

a quitter.

However, past evidence also shows that Mr Clinton is a master of the non-lie: the smoking but not inhaling, the near draft-dodging, the semi-affair with Gennifer Flowers. It must stantial evidence confirms Ms be possible that, strictly speaking, his sworn and public denials are true: that he did not have either intercourse or oral sex with Ms Lewinsky; that they fooled around, that things went pretty far, but not that far.

In that event, the legal case against him must be doubtful. He did not commit perjury. He observed the letter (if not the spirit) of the law.

The political case, however will be for American voters and the Democratic Party to decide. When all is known, of what is a complicated story, Americans might well prefer to forgive a sinner who genuinely repents than one who pulled

How Clinton got through a long week

Friday, 24 July President Bill Clinton, his wife, daughter and dog set off for quiet weekend at the presidential retreat of Camp David in the Maryland hills,

As they depart, the White House spokesman, Mike Mc-Curry, discloses that lawyers for Mr Clinton and the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, have been discussing the possibility that Mr Clinton might testify in

the Monica Lewinsky inquiry. No somer have the Clintons arrived at Camp David than news breaks of a shooting inside the Capitol. Two police have been shot dead, the presumed gunman is in

Linda Tripp testifies for eight days before grand jury, and Kenneth Starr subpoenas President



Saturday, 25 July Day of heartsearching and mourning in Washington fol-lowing the shootings. Clintons hold surprise birth-

day party for President's brother at Camp David.

Late evening reports, subsequently confirmed by prosecutor's office, that Mr Clinton has been subpoenaed to give evidence in the Lewinsky case: he is first incumbent president to be required to testify to a grand jury in his own defence.

By Mary Dejevsky

presidential subpoena, now confirmed by Mr Starr's of-fice, but not by the White

Monday, 27 July Mr Clinton in New Mexico for forum on state pensions.

His friend and deputy White House counsel loses claim that his conversations with Mr Clinton are covered by lawyer-client confidentiality and must testi-

fy in Monica Lewinsky case. Reports confirmed that Ms Lewinsky has concluded meeting with prosecutors about immunity deal.

Mr Clinton delivers oration at Capitol memorial service for ad policemen.

nounce that she has reached greement with prosecutors: she will give "full and truthful" testimony to the grand jury in return for full immunity from prosecution.

Wednesday, 29 July Mr Cliptop and his wife, Hillary

address separate meetings at the White House: he on education, she on combating breast cancer. Mr Clinton's lawyer announces that the President will testify voluntarily to the grand jury on videotape. This decision allows the subpoena to be withdrawn. He will answer questions from the White House on Monday, 17 August, just before he goes on holiday. The White House confirms for the first time that a subpoena was served ~ on 17 July.

Linda Tripp, the woman who taped Ms Lewinsky's confessions, completes eight days of evidence before the grand jury.

Thursday, 30 July Mr Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore go to North Carolina to launch "save rivers" environmental project. First Capitol policeman buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The prosecutor's office confirms that it is in possession of "that dress" and has sent it to FBI laboratories to be tested for semen stains. Media reports Ms Lewinsky has handed over tapes with messages from Mr Clinton from her answer-machine.

Friday, 31 July

Business as usual: Mr Clinton answers questions about the second quarter GDP figures. then departs for fund-raising weekend in the Hamptons.

Second policeman buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Clinton camp tries to minimise damage, friendly lawyers say the dress has no stains and

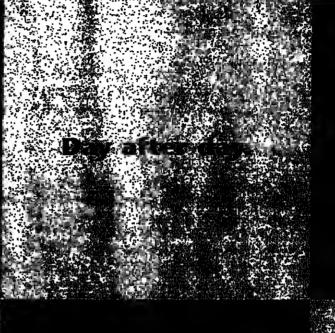
Sunday, 26 July say the dress has no stains and the telephone messages are the Capitol shootings and the nothing special.

STEVE CONNOR

The pig is just not self aware enough to suffer pain in the same way as primates and humans.

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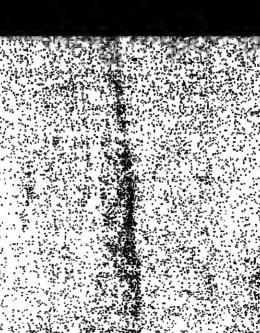
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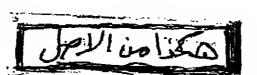
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Children playing in filthy water in the streets of Saddam City

Sanctions reduce Baghdad to ruins

AT THE end of the Second BY PATRICK COCKBURN World War the allies were as- in Baghdad tonished to discover that the animals in Berlin zoo were all svelte and healthy, having re-ceived their exotic diets throughout the conflict. They concluded that strategic bombing was less successful in disrupting the German economy than they had expected.

Eight years of sanctions against Iraq have proved far more effective. Ani and Suker, the two lions in Baghdad zoo. died in 1993 and 1996. Dr Adel Salman, the director of the zoo. set in a sun-baked park in the centre of the city says they died of malnutrition and diseases we couldn't treat".

Only me big cat, a four-year-old Bengal tiger named Malloh, remains in the zoo, living on a diet of donkey meat bought in the local market. He does not look happy. He crouch-

es close to an ageing air-con-ditioner in a stable at the back of his cage to escape the torrid heat of summer in Baghdad, where yesterday temperatures were close to 50 degrees centigrade.

Dr Salman, a former army officer with greying hair who has run Baghdad zoo, little frequented by Iraqis, for nine years, explains his difficulties as he struggles to keep his animals alive. Whatever expedients are tried, resources are not enough. There are bananas and apples available in the shops for the monkey but they are too expensive," he says. "We

feed them vegetables instead." Everywhere Iraq is full of people just failing to make do. Eight years of sanctions have proved far more devastating for

gic bombing for Germany. The damage is cumulative. Frohibited from exporting oil except under UN control, Iraq has built no new power stations or water or sewage plants since 1990. It has not been able to buy spare parts for the old ones, which are increasingly obsolete.

Denis Halliday the UN Humanitarian Co-ordinator for Iraq, resigned this month in apparent frustration at his inability to persuade the UN that the Iraqi infrastructure is collapsing. In an interview earlier in the year he said: "Electricity is 40 per cent of what it used to be. We have estimated that we need \$10 billion and we are putting in \$300 mil-

What this means for ordinary Iragis can be seen in the sweltering ward at the 335-bed Saddam Children's hospital in central Baghdad. The UN recently allowed in 10 incubators for babies. They are computer controlled and made in Japan but their manufacturers had apparently not imagined that they would be expected to function in temperatures which are well over 40 degrees centigrade because the hospital's air conditioning barely functions. As a result the sick and premature babies are placed in the incubators but their doors have to

stay open because of the heat. Far more is needed than food and drugs. The hospital has six Italian-made lifts but yesterday only one was working. Many of the patients are suffering from malmutrition. Dr Qais Muhsin points to twomonth-old Hanan Ahmed lying on a bed being fanned by his grandmother and says. "He has rickets or calcium deficiency. That is the first thing we look for in infants these days."

The malnutrition is not just because of lack of food. Despite food supplies deliveries to Iraq under the oil-for-food plan signed in 1996, a quarter of all Iraqis under five are malnourished according to a Unicefreport last year Areason for this is what Lockton Morrisey, the we don't deserve it."

regional director of Care International, says is "the aboutinable state of the water supply and the collapse of the sewage system." Children, who are alenteritis and die.

A heatwave this summer ere even by the standards of the Mesopotamian plain, has made Iraqis deeply conscious of how far their infrastructure

Dr Muhsin says: "The heat provides an excellent medium for bacteria to flourish. It makes the rivers more contaminated but people have to drink straight from the river be cause they are thirsty and there is no alternative."

Not everybody in Iraq is sick. Society still functions, though at a more primitive: level than before. There is construction activity, particularly in: the shopping streets in Bagh-dad. An Iraqi economist says: "It is chean to build because you only have to pay a labourer the

equivalent of \$1.50 (91p) a day;" There are even Iraqis who have not suffered from sanctions. These are mostly farmers. Restaurants are full of men wearing traditional robes or dishdashes, who come from

"The hotels are full of farmers," says the same economist, who did not want to give his name. "People who drive cars imported since sanctions almost certainly made their money in agriculture." Ever since the embargo was imposed in 1990 the government. has kept the real price of wheat at the equivalent of about \$100 a tonne.

Overall, Iraqis have a deep sense of bitterness. They feel that sanctions are designed to keep Iraq weak and not because the US or Britain is really frightened of such Iraqi weapons of mass destruction as may remain.

"Sanctions hit the people not the government," said one Iraqi friend. "We are being punished worse than the Nazis. who killed 15 million people and

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Swiss Jews face backlash over Nazi gold

SWITZERLAND'S Jewish com- By PETER CAPELLA munity is cornered. When a Jewish leader in the United States attacks Switzerland's wartime dealings with the Nazis, latent anti-Semitism turns into a flurry of hate mail. Yet most Swiss Jews are now bitterly at odds with their American counterparts.

Earlier this month, the Swiss Democrats, an extreme rightwing party with three seats in parliament, called for a boycott of "American or Jewish" products in response to a threat of sanctions in the United States against two Swiss banks. Another right-winger, Giu-

a member of a commission searching for dormant Holocaust accounts should take a holiday in the "Hotel Buchenwald in Dachau _ run by a nice man with a small moustache". A few days later, Thomas Lyssy, a spokesman for the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, received an anonymous postcard on the same lines. It is the product of a small minority but for the first time Swiss public figures are flirting with anti-Semitism. Mr

Lyssy fears they will not prevent an escalation of hatred. "It gives

me the impression they don't

care or that they agree [with it]". he said. Even Swiss Jews are weary of repeated demands from the World Jewish Congress. Michael Kohn, a prominent member of the Swiss community, was forced to step down as vice-president of the European congress after he warned that the organisation was losing its honour. Money, he said, was replacing morality.

Until recently the banks were unpopular in Switzerland. A combination of mergers, job cuts, huge profits and the Hololiano Bignasca, faces prosecution after recommending that Swiss, Publication of lists of dormant accounts, as well as reports on Nazi gold deals by a special commission of experts, helped them swallow some unpalatable truths about their country's past

The WJC is backing lawsuits in New York by thousands of Holocaust victims and their heirs, demanding compensation from the two largest commercial banks. Union Bank of Switzerland and Credit Suisse offered \$600m out-of-court on top of the dormant accounts in their vaults. Lawyers and Jewish groups are demanding

UN probe in Algeria

A UN human rights monitoring By PETER CAPELLA body called yesterday for an independent investigation into the actions of the security forces during massacres in Algeria.

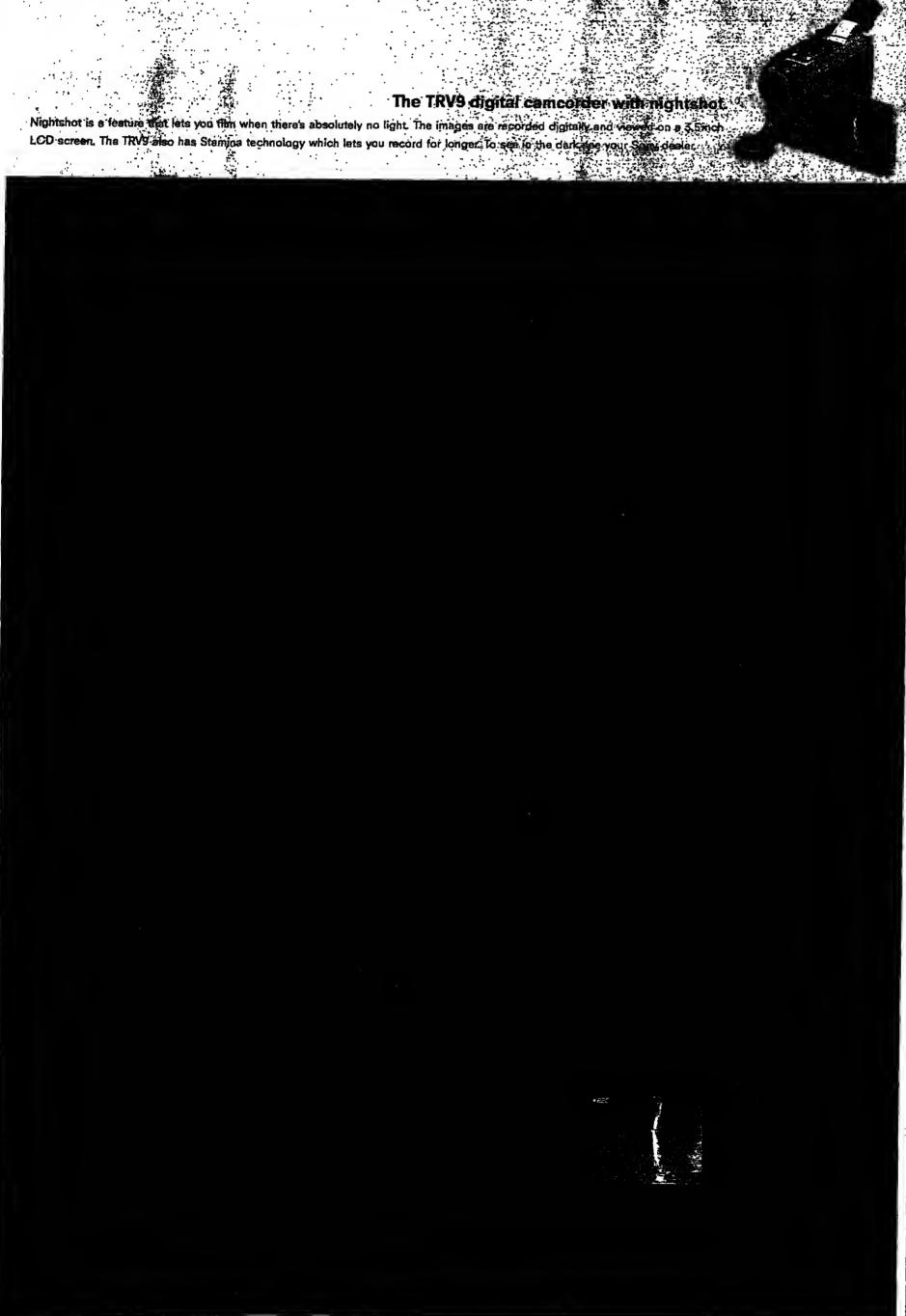
Despite hearing evidence from the Algerian government which rejected any involvement in massacres, torture and disappearances, the UN Human Rights Committee concluded that it was turning a blind eye to its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

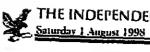
The rebuke come as Algiers

is trying to convince a visiting UN fact-finding mission that it is open to scrutiny. The committee's chief concern was the lack of investigation into disappearances and massacres, which the Algerians claimed they conducted regardless of who might be responsible.

Although it stopped short of blaming the government for some of the abuse or of lying the Committee clearly felt the Algerians were being econom: ካባዛይ

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Joyce Seipei, left, mother of murdered teenage activist Stompie Seipei, is hugged by Winnie Mandikizela-Re Mandela at a Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing in Johannesburg. Madikizela-Mandela was convicted on charges of kidnapping Stompie. Witnesses claimed she stabbed him

Ugly memories of brave experiment

TWO YEARS of truth and reconciliation, designed to put decades of apartheid-era brutality to some kind of rest. came to an end yesterday,

As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission turned its attention to a report - in effect an official history of the apartheid years - to be presented to President Nelson Mandela later this year, the political row over the achievements of Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Commission is intensifying.

But for many, the political controversy will oever drown the voices of bundreds of victims who told their stories to the TRC: or the voices of perpetrators who murdered and tortured in the state's name.

So many scenes crowd the mind breathing a terrible life into the bland term "gross human rights abuses". They make a mockery of the view, cherished by former president P W Botha, who defied a sub-

poena to appear before the Commission, that apartheid was simply "good neighbourliness". Phila Ndwande, a plastic shopping bag tied round her pelvis, challenged that last year from the grave. "She was brave this one," said a former apartheid security policeman after leading TRC investigators to her body. That young ANC activist had been tortured naked

for 10 days. The bag was her at-

tempt to retain some dignity. Like all the perpetrators of abuses. Phila's killers were offered amnesty in return for full disclosure. For many blacks, including the widow of the murdered leader Steve Biko, that trade-off amounted to a deal with the devil. So harrowing were the stories that even the TRC's ardent supporters sympathise with the Biko view. Even TRC investigators complained that little truth was uncovered in return

for indemnity: If the victims' tears helped damn apartheid, so did the matter-of-fact confessions of the torturers and killers. Few words were as chilling as the body burning tips offered by Dirk Coetzee. former comBy MARY BRAID

mander of Vlakplaas, headquarters of the assassination squads, or his tales of police boozing and braaing (barbecuing) while the bodies of black activists roasted beside them.

Equally chilling was the

demonstration to the TRC by a police torturer, Captain Jeffrey Benzien, of the "wet bag" method. Who could forget the fleshy Mr Benzien sitting astride his former victim, Tony Yengeni, and placing the bag over his head? Or Mr Benzien's humiliation of Mr Yengeni, oow an ANC MP, when he asked what kind of human being could take another to the point of suffocatioo? Mr Benzlen asked Mr Yengeni to recall how effective the method had been, and how quickly he had betrayed his comrades as

a result. The gross revelations oever

THE CRUCIAL MOMENTS

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let up. In June, Wouter Basson and other scientists, revealed that South Africa's research centres investigated methods of curbing black fertility and developing bacteria harmful only to blacks.

For many including TRC airman, Arcbbishop chairman. Desmond Tutu, the greatest frustration was the National Party's refusal to accept responsibility for atrocities. When South Africa's last white president, FW de Klerk, made his party's submissioo to the Comsslon, he denied ministers either knew of, or sanctioned, violence. Mavericks were responsible. Archbishop Tutu was

on the verge of tears. One of the TRC's greatest failures was its inability to trace the chain of command to the National Party cabinet. The foot soldiers complain that former ministers have walked away free.

they accept some responsibility for the borrors of the past. Despite all the evidence, rightwing Afrikaners continue to insist that what took place was a war against Communism in which there was no moral difference between the liberation struggle and the apartheid ma Yesterday cynics denounced visions. Cynicism was a feature

Nothing in South Africa di-

vides absolutely along colour

lines. But the TRC hearings

were mainly a black affair. Few

whites came to listen, despite

Archbishop Tutu's pleas that

the TRC for increasing racial difrom the start. Few, if any, perpetrators came forward because of their consciences. Like Adriaan Flok, the former law and order minister, and the ooly member of cahinet to apply for amnesty, they had usually been implicated in previ-

ous hearings. nipulation was surely Winnie Madikizela Mandela's refusal to accept any responsibility for the reign of terror in Soweto in the late Eighties conducted by ber notorious bodyguards. Despite being implicated in murders her hearings ended with a sickening, manufactured reconciliation with the mother of a murdered child activist, whom witnesses alleged Mrs Mandela had stabbed.

It was the low-point for the credibility of the TRC and Archbishop Tutu, but without his humour and his belief - despite all the evidence - in the essential goodness of mankind, the TRC might have collapsed.

The TRC bas been a brave experiment, and far from perfect but even critics are lost when asked what they would have put in its place. It was part of a buge political compromise. The alternative was war.

Yesterday many were praying that the TRC had created some consensus about the past. It will be vital for South Africa's next stage; the drive to end economic inequality which Thabo Mbeki, president in waiting, insists is crucial for any meaningful long-term reconciliation.

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21,000 victims give evidence but have they got justice?

Jeffrey Benzien demonstrates the 'wet bag'

chemical weapons against hlacks

torture method, left, Bishop Desmond Tutu wipes

his face during the Stompel hearing, top, and Wouter Basson, right, testified about the use of

IT COULD never have been a By PAUL VALLELY Nuremberg. To sustain the moral righteousness of a warcrimes tribunal requires a vic tor and vanquished. But South Africa, like Northern Ireland, admits of no such clarity.

A Truth and Reconciliation Commission seemed a masterly solution to a situaboo where - after the historic allace elections in 1991 brought partheid to ao end - the emands of justice had to be alanced against the need to void provoking a violent backsh from one section of the stillvided community. But four ars on, has it been a success? It was not a new idea. Truth mmissions were established roughout the past decade in ule. El Salvador and other tin America countries where man-rights violations had en endemic under right-wing

or military dictatorships. They were empowered to grant amnesty to criminals who made a full confession to crimes which they could prove were politically motivated. No remorse was necessary.

Inevitably this set up a tension with the requirements of justice and the needs of retribution. Critics have seen the South African commission as a soft option. The language of reconciliation has seemed otherworldly and idealistic, an impression reinforced by the fact that its chairman was Archhishop Desmond Tutu, whose manner has been at times a little too irenic, especially in the face of the brazen

denials of Winnie Mandela. Certainly many of the families of the thousands who suf-

fered grievously under apartheid felt they were being cheated of justice. Some, like the family of Steve Biko, went so far as to oppose the applications for amnesty by their relatives' killers and torturers.

And it is true that in a number of the high-profile cases. such as those of Winnie Mandela and PW Botha, the commission seemed impotent.

Yet of the 7,000 applications for amnesty only 125 have so far been granted. The rest were unable to convince the commission that they were telling the whole truth. Court cases will follow in many instances. There was more to all this

than merely asking the families of victims to forego all individual satisfaction as a sacrifice for the common good. Apartheid was a structural injustice. Millions were cruelly exploited.

robbed of their land, forcibly removed into abject housing and subjected to gross discrimination in education. Some structural response was

Since 1996 the commission has beard or read reports from 21,000 victims of abuse during white minority rule. It has allowed ordinary people to describe in public their suffering and humiliation at the hands of the state. Complicity in the government terror has been revealed as rising to the highest levels. Families have at last learnt the truth about what happened to loved ones, allowing them to pass into a different stage in their mourning and

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Heirs of Ghenghis Khan ride the steppes again



Tsengal, a truck driver, with one of 11 horses he has brought to the Naadam sports festival Teresa Poole twice a day, others five or six at a gentle pace. "We travelled eight," said Tsengal.

IN MONGOLIA, where horses outnumber people, the skills of a good horseman demand respect. So when Tsengal set out to train a stallioo for this summer's traditional Naadam festival, he embarked upon the enterprise with the determination of a Mongol warrior.

Naadam is one of the world's great sporting apectacles, as Mongnlians ride in from far-flung provinces for a weekend of horse-racing, wrestling and archery on the grasslands outside the capital, Ulan Bator.

By dawn on the first day, the total oumber of horses on the dusty plain is in the tens of thousands. In the early-morning light, as men in Mongolian del tunics herd the animals down to the river for water, it is as if Genghis Khan's army is oo the

This year, Tsengal, 40, hrought 11 horses to Naadam. hut the main hope was for the 25km stallioo race. Hundreds of horses compete in each eveot, riddeo hy children. some as young as four years old. The horses gallop out across the grasslands to a marker, and then back to the

It is not without risk; at least six horses have just died in this rear's Naadam

'TM A truck driver, hut my hobby is training horses," said Tsengal, sitting in his circular ger tent wearing a rich purple tunic and a leather hat. Most years he competes at Naadam, journeying the 45 miles from his home in the province of Tuv, where his extended family keeps 100 horses and 500 livestock

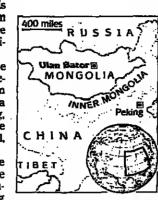
"It is really tiring, because for one mooth the person and the horse are really close, like a sportsman and trainer," he

In the first few days, the horse is taken from the herd and ridden around the tent. Day by day, he goes longer

"We ride the horse with a sweat comes out, and we clean it off. The number of times needed to sweat the horse depends on the age and the

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF

TSENGAL, MONGOL HORSEMAN



the race, Tsengal's horses ran well in a local race. "Not all horses can do big competitions. It depends on the shape and condition of the horse, and the eyesight. The distance between the two back legs should be wide, and the nostrils big, so he can have big breaths, and the hoof shape is special. Maybe to ordinary people, the horse is ugly."

The jockey was also in final training. Tsengal's 11-year-old oephew, Gariderdene, was riding the stallion.

We prepare kids to ride from an early age. From when they start walking, they start riding on a baby goat, sheep or calf. At four years old, they ride a quiet horse. Then they graduate to a stronger horse." said

ON MONDAY, Tsengal and his hrother-in-law packed a small ger and prepared for the journey to Ulan Bator His wife and other relatives were staying behind to look after the

a state skin-processing factory, delivering the skins to the factory." When the Communist system collapsed after 70 years as a Soviet satellite. most small state factories went bankrupt, and people like Tseogal lost their lobs. "I thick blanket on, so the dusty am still a driver, but now I have my own truck and work my own time," he said.

over several days so as not to tire the horses or disrupt the final training. We hrought the tent and food hy car, but the horses came by foot.

"This year I found out that some families came to Naadam from up to 500 miles away. This is the higgest horse competition in Moogolia. So the first 50 horses finishing are the really fast ones."

Oo the first eight they pitched camp after just 20 miles. We rode the horses hard for only a third of a mile, so they didn't get stiff."

THE NEXT day brought the group another 20 miles on, to quiet site a few miles from the Naadam plain.

"We camped here for two nights, because there are so many horses and people at Naadam that the horses cannot sleep. The horses were still a little hit fat, so I let them go and sweat and cleaned them. I did not ride them.

The older horses are used to horse-racing, and the younger ones follow them, so they don't run away. Stallions usually have harems, hut on the road we just take one female for them so that the male horse does oot run off.

"Usually the horses eat during the night time and get full. If people then ride them, they shit. We did this a few times here to make them go to the toilet. You can see the difference between a horse that is prepared for racing, their stomachs are much smaller."

"Before 1990, I worked for THURSDAY BROUGHT the last long run for Tsengal's horses before the big day. A 10-mile race gave him an idea of likely performance.

"I thought the stallion would be a good horse, I had no doubts. The other horses I felt had not had enough time for training."

The young jockey started to get pre-race jitters. "Yes, he's been really nervous. But he has been riding in Naadam for THE HORSES wake after a good sleep. The party travelled the final few miles to the Naadam site, and met up with relatives from Ulao Bator. The relatives brought a large ger for everyooe to

"I registered the horses and got numbers for the riders. Friday night, we did not sleep all night. We had to feed the horses and ride them around to shit. But we also had to watch the horses around, and sometimes peo ple swap or steal the horse We had to be careful. We had to watch they did not run away and mix with others."

SATURDAY - the big day. "At 4am, we took the horses to drink water down by the river. Then let the horses sleep. It is traditional to make the horse good-looking, by decorating the mane and tail." And a ladle of airak (fermented mare's milk; on the horse's flank brings good luck. At 8am, Tsengal took his

stallion and young rider to the start, where more than 500 stallions were lined up to race. Oo the way, the mounted horses all circled a small rotunda three himes, singing to soothe the horses.

Once the race started, Tsengal returned to his ger for a quick breakfast. Theo down to the finishing line, and a tense wait.

"It's a really difficult feeling. Everybody, when they come, wishes their horse wins. But that's oot really important. There are so many horses and kids, you just want the horse and the kid to come back safely. The horses are really clever animals, they never step on the kids if they fall off."

Tsengal's stallion and nephew rode without mishap in 22nd place. It was Tsengal's best-ever position. "It's a tremendous result," he said. with a face-splitting grin. "Tm really pleased."

The vodka flowed that afternoon in the ger.

And any reward for the hrave young jockey? "I will give him a really fast horse."

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Peking party boss is jailed for corruption

IN THE most politically- BY TERESA POOLE charged corruption case in China, the former Peking Communist party boss was sentenced yesterday to 16 years in

senior official to be punished in China's five-year campaign against graft, was found guilty of emhezzlement, accepting gifts, and dereliction of duty. Mr Chen, "in pursuit of a corrupt and decadent life", had diverted public funds to build "two luxurious villas" where be indulged in "extravagant win-

ing, dining and personal entertainment ... and pleasureseeking", the verdict said. Previous reports have stated Mr Chen's illicit assets as £24m in cash plus a string of villas and apartments, which he liberally provided to relatives,

mistresses and friends. Yesterday's judgment meotioned only a few offences, presumably because a full account might prove too explosive. The judges found that be-

tween 1991 and 1994 be had unisappropriated 22 gifts, valued at 555,000 yuan 1£42,000) which had heen given by un-named "foreign parties". "Among these items were eight gold and silver products, six deluxe watches, four expensive pens, three cameras and one video camera," said the official court report. Total spending on the villas amounted to 38.68m yuan (£3m). Lower-ranking officials have been executed for far less.

The scandal erupted more than three years ago, when one of the city's deputy mayors, Wang Baosen, committed suicide as the corruption investigation closed in. The court judgment said Mr Chen "conspired with Mr Wang to embezzle funds for the villas.

The political sensitivity of the case left ordinary Pekingers sceptical over whether 68-yearold Mr Chen would ever receive serious punishmeot. As well as having powerful frieods, his case posed questions about while his sentence is read

other senior officials who had their fingers in the pie. Zhang Siging, China's procurator-gen-Chen Xitong, by far the most eral, said that between 1993-97 hribery and dereliction of duty. But this included only 265 at or above prefecture level, though it is the senior cadres who have greatest opportunity for

> capital, because of his zealous support in June 1989 for the hloody shooting of the prodemocracy demonstrators. Mr Liu, 44, a driver, said: "The senteoce should have come earlier. People do not

Mr Chen is one of the most

unpopular politicians in the

comes we feel relieved." An old man added: "In Mao's time, if you committed corruption, you died. But now it is different and there is so much corruption.

like him, and oow the result

Mr Chen's trial took place, in camera, on 20 July. In his 12 years as mayor and

then party secretary for Peking, he presided over a top-level municipal administration which is helleved to have siphoned off nearly 18bo yuan (£1.4bn). The scale of the cor-

ing programme in the early 1990s, was such that it must have been obvious to central government. But it was oot until April 1995 that Mr Cheo same 181,873 officials were was suddenly sacked as Peking prosecuted for embezzlemeot, party chief, in a move which was as much about politics as

> As a Politburo member, Mr Chen was well-positioned amoog the hardline factioo in the top leadership, and was seen as an opponent of President Jiang Zemin. His removal in 1995 was useful to Mr Jiang, as a popular measure to show the country that the governmeot was serious about tackling corruption, and as a way of asserting the president's polit-

which came just three weeks after Mr Cheo was formally charged, suggests that President Jiang is feeling confident. The Presideot also knows the sentence will please ordinary Chinese

The conviction by the Peking Municipal Higher Penple's Cnurt was annunced yesterday morning oo national television, sooo after the verdict. There is oo way of knowing whether Mr Cheo will actually serve his time in prison, or live



Former Beijing Mayor, Chen Xitong (centre) under guard Fon Rujun/Reuters

ruption, which included huge fairly comfortably under house kick-backs from Peking's build-arrest.

The sentence comprised 13 years' imprisonment for corruption and four years for dereliction of duty. The total term to be served was 16 years, however. The judge also ordered that the former party boss's bribes should be confiscated. Mr Cheo has 10 days to appeal, but it is a foregone conclusion that

THE MARKET WATER

such a move would not succeed. The sentence was harsher than had been expected for Mr Chen, but lenient compared with the thousands who have been executed for far less serious economic crimes in the anti-graft crackdown. Senior politicians and nrdinary Chioese are oot equal before the law, eveo when a political point is being made. Another Mr Yesterday's long sentence. Cheo - Cheo Zhong - for example, was executed two years ago in Sichuan province for attemptiog to steal VAT

receipts from a tax office. Mr Chen's sentence looks light compared with some of the 30 other Peking officials already sentenced in connection with his web nf corruption: Tie Ying, the former director of the Peking Government Legal Affairs Office, which approved husiness licences and permits, was jailed for 15 years for accepting 430,000 yuan

£32,0001 in hribes. Mr Cheri's nearest and dearest profited hugely from their connections. His son, Cheo Xiaotong, was jailed for 12 years last year for accepting hribes and "diverting public funds", while his mistress, He Piog, escaped ahroad after receiving a reported £3m from Mr Chen.

Mr Chen was purged from the party last autumn, leavin China's more sensational new papers freer to speculate abou the case. The government pe mitted such revelations, be drew the line at a novel. I'l Wrath of Heaven, which was thinly disguised run-down of the

BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Taxpayers to get £100 demands

AROUND 400,000 taxpayers will shortly receive a notice demanding a £100 penalty because have still not filed their tax return for 1996-97 by the time offices closed last night. These are the hard core who missed the deadline last September to file their returns and wait for the taxman to asses their liabilities and then failed to meet the second deadline to submit their forms and calculate and pay their own liability by 31 January. Those who submitted the forms but have not yet paid the tax now face a 5 per cent surcharge on top of the interest at 9.5 per cent they have been paying since the end of January,

Yesterday was also the deadline for over 8m people mainly high rate taxpayers, directors and the self-employed to pay the second instalment of tax due on account for the year to April 1998. The revenue is expecting to net £4.3 billion and unpaid tax starts earning interest at 9.5 per cent a year from today. Earlier last week less than 2m people had paid but many more will have done so at the last minute, the Inland Revenue said yesterday.

Goldberg steps down for soccer



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Hang Seng

MARK GOLDBERG, the founder of MSB, yesterday stepped down from the board of the IT recruitment company in order to concentrate on Crystal Palace FC, the

south London football club of which he is chairman. In March, Mr Goldberg relinquished his joint managing director role in favour of a part-time

executive role after investors became increasingly unhappy with his involvement with Crystal Palace. Mr Goldberg has sold a large proportion of his stake in MSB to fund his £22m purchase of the club, which he completed at the beginning of June.

US economic growth slows

US ECONOMIC growth slowed sharply in the second quarter of the year, but the numbers were still stronger than many analysts had been expecting. The US Commerce Department said vesterday that the annualised growth rate of Gross Domestic Product was 1.4 per cent last quarter, the weakest growth rate since the 0.4 per cent seen in the second quarter of 1995. Most Wall Street analysts had expected growth to stagnate or even decline following the lengthy strike against General Motors.

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Lloyds sets aside £400m to cover pensions review

By LEA PATERSON

SHARES IN Lloyds TSB tumbled by more than 7 per cent after the bank said it would put an extra £400m towards the costs of sorting out the pensions mis-selling scandal.

businesses was strong, and that Lloyds continued to add to its stockpile of surplus capital. Sir Brian Pitman, Lloyds chairman, hinted that the bank was building up a "war chest" to belp fund future acquisitions. He expected "substantial consolidation" in the industry in

18 months The bank said pre-tax profits fell by 11 per cent to £1.28bn



at a Lloyds "war chest"

Brian explained that the headline figure had been distorted by the large pensions provision, in the six months to June. Sir a reduced contribution from

emerging market debt and disposals during the year. Before tax underlying profits rose by 18 per cent to £1.57bn.

Lloyds has put aside £400m to cover the costs of the second stage of the pensions mis-selling review. The Financial Services Authority launched stage two earlier this year to provide financial redress for "non priority" victims of pensions misselling. Lloyds has around 165,000 cases to review and estimates it will pay compensation in 45,000 instances.

The bank has already set aside £300m to cover the costs of stage one of the review. Peter Ellwood, Lloyds' chief executive, said the first phase of the

work was "on target". Contributions from emerging markets debt fell from £84m in the first half of 1997 to £28m this half. Another exceptional factor was the profit made on

in the first half of 1998. Sir Brian said there were signs of a "drift downwards" in credit quality, although there had been "no significant deterioration." Provisions for bad and doubtful debts rose by £9m to £280m, and there was a slight uptick in mortgage arrears.

disposals, which came to £84m

Mr Ellwood said that, given the economic environment, the bank was keeping a close eye on its new lending business. "We making sure our managers don't pick up other people's rubbish. We're emsising quality, not quantity." Although Lloyds share fell by

67p to finish the day at 834p. several analysts affirmed their positive rating of the stock. David Poutney, banking an-

alyst at Panmure Gordon, said: The markets have been spooked by the pensions provision, and they perhaps underestimated the downturn on LDC [emerging markets] debt. "However, I think the strength of their core busi-

nesses - particularly their mortgage business - is exceptional. History has shown that when Lloyds falls, it is a buying opportunity. Mr Poutney would be trim-

ming his full-year profit fore-casts to reflect the reduced contribution from emerging

markets debt. Sir Brian said Lloyds could

spend some of its surplus capital - estimated at £1.25bo - on acquisitions. "There is significant overcapacity in the UK ... and far too much capital. I expect there to be substantial

further consolidation." Mr Eliwood commented: "We are not sitting back waiting for people to come to us. "In-bouse, we bave a weighty team. Outside, we have

one bouse looking at opportunities for us in Europe and another looking for opportunities elsewhere.

Future acquisitions could include a mortgage provider or a

general insurer. The bank raised the interim dividend by 26 per cent to 6.7p

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Oftel opens **Hull to BT** challenge

By PETER THAL LARSEN

KINGSTON COMMUNICATIONS the municipally-owned telecom group which mainly operates in Hull, is considering bidding for a cable television licence in the area after Oftel, the telecom watchdog, yesterday recom-mended it be allowed to do so.

As expected, Oftel yesterday cleared the way for British Telecom to compete in Hull for the first time, although it warned BT that any competition had to be fair.

As compensation, however, side its own area, and be freed to bid for a cable franchise.

Despite being available since 1991, the Hull cable franchise has never been taken up by any of the established oper-

Kingston, which is considering a stock market flotation to raise funds, would not have to lay an entirely new network. The company has announced plans to upgrade its existing network with ADSL - a technology that allows digital signals to be sent down existing copper wires.

It is far from clear whether BT will take the opportunity to go into Hull. "We are looking what commercial opportunities this might represent for us," a BT spokeswoman said yesterday. However it is thought unlikely that the group will dig up the streets of Hull in order to build a local network

BT has been barred from competing with Kingston, which dominates the residential telephone market in the Hull area, although other operators have been free to offer services since 1991.

In a widespread consultation with Kingston customers, Oftel found that many were concerned that BT would undermine Kingston with unfair competition.

In an attempt to keep customers happy Kingstoo has Oftel recommended that introduced innovations such Kingston be allowed to offer res-idential telephone lines out-local call, no matter how long it lasts. This is likely to deter BT, which would not be allowed to match Kingston's offer if it entered the market.

Kingston, which has 170,000 customers in Hull, has been expanding outside the area for some time. The company's fastgrowing Torch subsidiary has a licence to offer business telecom services across the UK. Meanwhile, Oftel yesterday

unveiled plans to charge telecom operators for telephone oumbers in an attempt encourage them to use them more efficiently. Oftel said that operators

were currently using just 40 per cent of the numbers allocated to them, which led to number shortages.

The watchdog said that the move would put off future telephone code changes.



Steve Maine, chief executive of Kingston Communications, in one of the group's white phone boxes in Hull, which may be facing BT competition Hull News & Pictures | formation.

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Moir Lockhead, chief exec-

FTSE to trial early index

By LEA PATERSON

FTSE INTERNATIONAL, which manages and develops the FISE equity indices, will begin live trials of a pre-market version of the FTSE 100 index on Monday.

The pre-market index is intended to provide an early guide to the opening level of the FTSE 100. It could help to stamp out the early morning volatility that has plagued the market since the launch of Sets, the Stock Exchange's electronic trading system.

Mark Makepeace, FTSE International's managing director, said. "This initiative is aimed at improving visibility on the order book at the critical opening period. I hope it will, over time help to improve liquidity at the start of official trading."

FTSE International, in conjunctioo with Reuters, will calculate the pre-market level of the FTSE 100 using brokers' orders placed on the electronic order book prior to the official opening of the market at

Low volumes of trade at the beginning and the end of the trading day have meant that the FTSE 100 has been prone to erratic swings since the intro-

duction of Sets last autumn. The Stock Exchange has shortened market trading bours in an attempt to solve the problem of early morning volatility, although brokers say there is as yet little evidence of a marked improvement in price

DTI reverses bus sale order

THE SALE of a bus company owned by FirstGroup, the transport company, was blocked yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry after ministers watered down recommendations made by competition authorities.

Last year the company had been ordered to sell a division of its Scottish bus operation after a ruling by the Monopo lies and Mergers Commission said FirstGroup's £96m acquisition of Glasgow-based SB Holdings could act against the public interest.

BY RANDEEP RAMESH Transport Correspondent

The bus operations earmarked for sale, including at least one of SBH's four central Glasgow bus depots, are thought to have a combined annual turnover of £40m, compared to estimated group sales

of pounds £750m. However Margaret Beckett's final act as President of the Board of Trade was to reverse this decision. She argued that sooo after FirstGroup bought the bus company, Stagecoach had entered the Glasgow have be follow a ticket pricing

Stagecoach bought a fleet of rivals. The package of under-50 new buses on to the city streets and began operating on five important radial routes into the city just weeks after the MMC's report.

"While the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading has advised that Stagecoach's entry into the Glasgow bus market does not change his view that divestment is necessary, I do not agree," said Mrs Beckett in a statement. Instead the FirstGroup will

utive of FirstGroup, welcomed the decision. "We have worked

hard to show the Office of Fair Trading that the acquisition was not against the public interest. At the same time we have significantly improved the quality of bus services in

Book superstores 'to take 20% of market'

American bookseller which is expanding in the UK, predicted yesterday that US-style book takings will also see minimum service levels, restrictions on superstores could soon account for 20 per cent of the UK market, matching their penetration

in America, writes Nigel Cope. Bob DiRomualdo, chairman of Borders which bought the Books etc chain last year, said that though book superstores are in their infancy in Britain, the combination of larger ranges, together with magazines, music and coffee bars,

THE CHAIRMAN of Borders, the would grab market share. "In the US superstores have captured a large share of the book market and we believe the concept will travel," he said.

Borders is to open its first superstore in Britain today on London's Oxford Street.

Waterstone's, which has one superstore in Glasgow, yesterday acquired 10 branches of Student Bookshops from the administrators. The stores (mostly on university campuses) will be rebranded as Waterstone's.

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

TOKYO

TOKYO STOCKS closed higher

move swiftly to revitalise the

economy, with the markets

amid hopes the government would

LONDON

THE LONDON stock market ended sharply lower yesterday, hit by an opening fall on Wall Street and disappointing figures from the banking giant Lloyds TSB

The FTSE 100 index closed down 73.7 points to 5837.0, while the FTSE 250 ended 2.7 off at 5482.7 and the Small Cap index finished 5.2 points higher at 2472.5. A large provision for pensioo mis-selling at Lloyds surprised the

market and sent the shares in the

banking group plummeting.
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NEW YORK US STOCKS headed lower as

renewed concerns about Japan overshadowed better than expected second-quarter gross domestic product. The market was still weighed down by worries about falling corporate earnings and the Asian crisis.

focusing on what policies the new finance minister, Klichi Miyazawa, would adopt. The benchmark Nikkei 225 rose 177.37 points, or

At 5.44 BST the Dow Jones 1 per cent, to close at 16.378.97. stood at 9001.72, down 25.23. "It's Mr Miyazawa has already said be very disappointing the market prefers tax cuts to a fiscal stimulus didn't rally with better than to prod consumer spending, while the newly appointed prime minister, Keizo Obuchi, has called for 6 expected GDP figures," said Peter Coolide, senior equity trader at Brean Murray & Co. trillion yen in tax cuts.

GERMANY

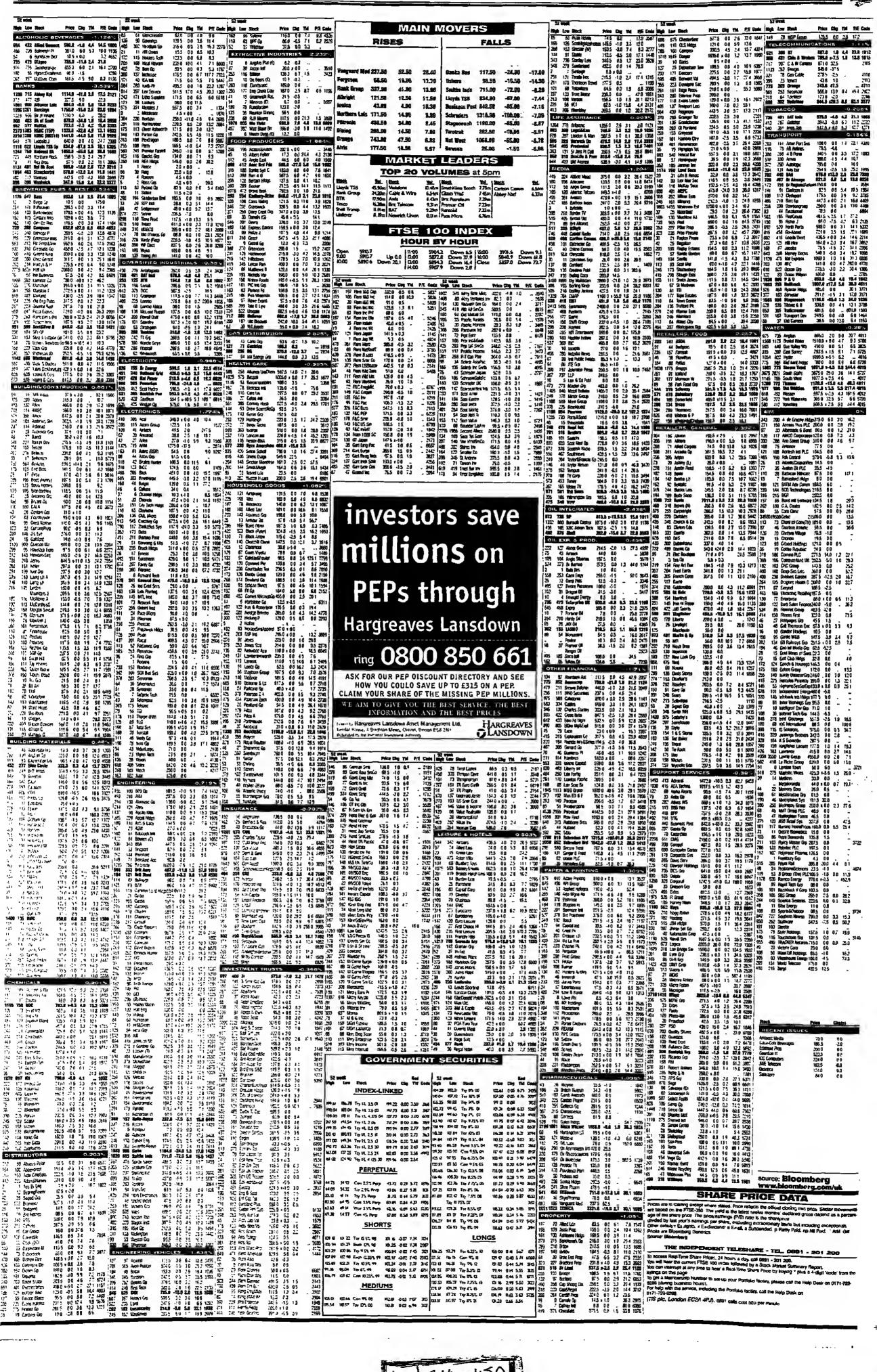
GERMAN SHARES ended slightly off, dragged down from early advances by Wall Street, with the benchmark Dax index closing 0.12 per cent down at 5,873.92. The Xetra Dax lost 0.76 per cent to close at 5.861.19. Merger speculation buoyed Dresdner Bank shares, which

soared 6 per ceut. "There is wild speculation again that the Allianz will merge with Dresdner or otherwise there is some big merger in the wings," one dealer said.

RUSSIA

taking, with the RTS index falling 0.35 per cent to 149.65. Traders said the market was eager for news from the International Monetary Fund's deputy managing director Stanely Fischer, who is in Moscow this weekend to check on progress of government reforms. A meeting between Anatoly Chubais, Russia's chief foreign debt negotiator, and President Boris Yeltsin, ended without major news despite rumours that Mr Chubais would be asked back into the government.

RUSSIAN SHARES eased on profit-



bles

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When the chips are down, chop here

A WEEK is a long-time in the fast-moving world of semi-conductors.

On 21 July Siemens held a dinner to extol the virtues of its UK operations, and in particular its state of the art chip plant on North Tyneside. Don't worry, was the general message from Alan Wood its chief executive in the UK Plunging chip prices might be wreaking havoc on the group's semi-conductor husiness as a whole but the £1bn Tyneside plant was alright. In fact it was as efficient as anything the company had in Germany, Taiwan or the US. Phase two might have been canned but Siemens was getting as much output from phase one as the entire project had been targeted to

Little did he realise how much built-in obsolescence there were in those words. Seven days later Siemens top brass met in Munich and decided that they had one chip plant too many. And, you've guessed, North Tyneside was the one that was surplus to requirements. Yesterday the news was



OUTLOOK

broken to an understandably shocked workforce of 1,100 who will be looking for new jobs come Sep-

John Redwood claims they are the latest victims of the strong pound. But he is wrong. This is one piece of retrenchment that cannot be hlamed on the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

The strength of sterling is not responsible for the 95 per cent decline in DRAM prices since Siemens decided to build the plant three years ago or the Asian criunprecedented scale. Nor can it be blamed for the way that the growth in chip demand has undershot Siemens' forecasts by 50 per cent. But why then has North Tyne-

side been singled out for special treatment when Siemens has similar operations in Germany, Taiwan, France and the US? Dr Ulrich Schumacher, the big chip in the Stemens semi-conductor group, says it is because the plant has the same cost structure as facilities producing two or three times as many wafers. If this is right, then Mr Wood was wrong.

The more likely explanation is that the Dresden plant was never going to close, the French one is jointly owned, the US benefits from a booming economy and the Taiwan plant does not pay UK

None of this is much consolation to the workers on Tyneside who thought a new dawn had arrived when Siemens came charging over the hill. Peter Mandelson, the new Trade and Industry Secretary, has

rescue the plant. But if Siemens has already trawled the market for a buyer without success, what chance has he of pulling the fat out of the fire?.

Sir Brian rolls out the Three Cs

WHEN CLEARING bank chairmen start complaining there is too much capacity in the market, what they really mean is that there is too much competition. Their answer to the above problem is consolidation. Yesterday it was the turn of the bankers' banker, Sir Brian Pitman of Lloyds TSB, to roll out the

Yesterday's results from the bank were weighed down by heav-ier than expected pension mis-selling provisions and the share price over-reacted accordingly. But what ought to be exercising the markets is how Lloyds along with the rest of the sector is going to adjust to a

sis which has led to dumping on an formed a joint taskforce to try to downturn in the economic cycle and an unturn in the degree of regulation over the next couple of years.

That is where consolidation comes in. Lloyds is still generating capital faster than it can find uses for the stuff and probably has film-£2bn to throw around on a stray mortgage provider or insurer. But Sir Brian seems to envisage

the kind of banking consolidation we have seen in the US and Europe in coming months, which involves capital outlays of a rather larger order or mergers of equals. Virtually none of the banks

deserve the fancy ratings they cur-rently enjoy, and we are likely to see a re-rating of all the financials in the coming months. But Lloyds deserves to be toward the top of the banking pile, not the bottom. It has lower costs than most of its rivals, it takes a tough stance on credit quality, it has some great brands -Cheltenham & Gloucester for example - and it will continue to realise cost savings from the integration of the Lloyds and the TSB networks.

ulatory clearance is quite another.

Murdoch set for digital dogfight

AFTER MONTHS of hype and cor-porate bhister, the battle lines for the great digital doglight of 1999 are becoming clear.

On the evidence of the past reek, Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB looks like the clear favourite. While British Digital Broadcasting sorry, ON Digital - announced its new name in a blaze of publicity on Tuesday, it couldn't disguise the fact that the rest of its strategy is in tatters.

The reason is that Sky, which unveiled its plans on Thursday It will launch in October with a massive marketing campaign - ably supported, no doubt, by Uncle Rupert's newspapers - and an impressive array of channels, sport and payper-view movies. The whole lot will

Having the cash or paper to do the deals is one thing. Getting regless than £10 a month and, hey, when you've forked out £200 for a dish they'll even come and install

it for nothing.
This leaves ON Digital's offering looking rather threadbare. It was supposed to be a cheap and cheerful alternative to Sky, bring-ing you 30 channels for under a tenner without the stigma of having to fit a dish to the side of the house. But Sky has signed up all the channels · many of them on an exclusive basis. And it looks as if ON Digital's price advantage has disappeared as well.

However, this is not a two-horse race. While Sky looks streaks ahead of ON Digital already, the real threat could be from the cable television companies. The prospect of the full 200 channels, no satellite dish, and high-speed internet access as well could prove a compelling alternative to what Sky is offering. As ON Digital has found to its cost, however, Sky will not give up its stranglehold on the couch potato without a fight.

Jobless rise awaits Japan's new leader

ANOTHER SHARP jump in un- By Roy Garner employment in Japan, rising to 4.3 per cent in June, has given incoming Prime Minister Keizo buchi fresh proof - if any ere needed - that there is to be no honeymoon period for his

On Thursday, Taichi Sakaiya, the new director-general of the Economic Planning Agency, had described Japan's jobless level as offering some cause for comfort, observing that it was "still lower than those in some European countries."

The latest figures, released just a day later, show Japan closing the gap with Britain (4.8% in June) and the US (4.5

Acknowledging that the time left for action is now "not very long", Mr Obuchi indicated on Friday that be was willing to stay in power only until the economy is revitalised, according to Tokyo spokesman. His official term in office is due

to expire next September. Mr Obuchi added that he will be ready to leave once he is sure that the measures he has dopted are effecting a revival of the economy.

Hinting at strategy, he also mentioned that people should be prepared to suffer some kruptcies in the banking

sector. On Thursday, new finance minister Kiichi Miyazawa had said that the government planned to submit six bills to the current parliament session that would include a "total plan" to bail out banks.

had been steady at 3-3.5 per cent for the past three years, broke the 4 per cent barrier in April, standing at 4.1 per cent in both April and May. The jobless rate among

women, meanwhile, reached a post-war high of 4.2 per cent in June, a 0.3 per cent increase from one month earlier. The latest figures show 2.84 million people out of work in

June, an increase of 550,000

from one year earlier. The Labour Ministry added to the gloom by announcing that the ratio of job offers to job seekers

The jobless downturn is like-

The top priority, however, will continue to be dealing with Japan's bad loans, totalling in excess of \$600 hillion

dropped to 0.51 in June, the worst figure since January Japan's jobless rate, which ly to intensify calls for the speedy introduction of permanent tax cuts, of up to 10 trillion yen, and a cut in the consumption tax, possibly to its earlier level of 3 per cent - the two measures regarded as most critical to the creation of new

Mike Darrington (left), managing director, and Malcolm Simpson, financial director of Greggs, the Newcastle-based retail baker, which has announced a record interim pre-tax profit of £6.1m for the 24 weeks to 13 June - a rise of 14.7 per cent. Sales were

7.4 per cent higher than in the comparable period last year. The company said it was in the middle of a two-year investment programme which had increased overheads but would deliver cost and service benefits in the future

Intersport to BTR hives off tighten image aero divisions

INTERSPORT, the group of 400 independent sports retailers, is planning a major shake-up of its operations to fight back against the major chains, such as JJB Sports and the supermarkets.

The buying and merchandising group, created to give the independent sports shops more power, will insist in future that full members operate under the Intersport banner and adhere to uniform store designs, staff training and product selection.

Currently many members continue to trade under their independent fascia which intersport says weakens the awareness of the name and diminisbes marketing effi-

Members will have until September to decide whether they wish to be full corporate mem-

bers or simply be buying members, which would not entitle them to use the Intersport

The group said the changes "will allow Intersport to focus marketing resources to support the hrand and will allow Intersport to compete more effectively in the market place as a national retailer with a strong high street presence."

The changes have already been approved by the group's members, with 92 per cent voting in favour. Intersport says the changes will mean 220 stores trading under the Intersport name by 2000.

The changes are in response to the increasing power of the major sports shop chains, and to fight the major supermarket groups which are sourcing branded sports clothing from BY PETER THAL LARSEN

BTR, the former conglomerate which is trying to turn itself into an engineering group, yesterday speeded up its disposal programme by selling its Aerospace businesses for £510m. Doughty Hanson, the fast-

growing venture capital firm, is buying the division for cash. BTR said it had decided to sell the husiness "in the face of major consolidation in the aerospace industry." It added that the price was attractive, representing a multiple of 2.1 times the division's 1997 sales and 9.8

times operating profits. The deal takes the amount raised from disposals by lan Strachan, BTR's chief executive, since his appointment two and a half years ago to £4.2bn. The aerospace businesses. which include parts of the

former Dunlop rubber group which BTR bought in 1985. were not specifically earmarked for disposal. However, BTR decided to sell them because they were not large enough to compete in the global aerospace market.

"Although profitable, they are small both in terms of BTR and their sector, and are not able to achieve our stated goals effectively," he said.

The move was welcomed in the City, where BTR shares firmed 7.5p to 154p.

BTR is selling Standard Aero, which repairs aero engines: Dunlop Aviation, which makes aircraft wheels and hrakes; Aero Engine Equipment, which makes components for turbolan engines; and Dunlop Precision Rubber, which makes seals and mouldings for the aerospace market. IN BRIEF

Underground work for Racal

A CONSORTIUM including Racal Electronics has been selected as the single bidder for a £1bn contract to replace and manage London Underground's radio and transmission services. The deal, part of the Private Finance Initiative to build public sector projects, is worth about £2 hn over 21 years for the consortium, CityLink Telecommunications. Other shareholders

Names setback

include Motorola, Fluor

Daniels, Hyder and

Charterhouse Bank

LLOYD'S of London can proceed with plans to reclaim more than £150m m connection with the insurance market's record fishe losses in the past after the Court of Appeal refused an application for an appeal by a more than 500 of its individual backers, known as Names. Lloyd'a and a group of non-accepting Names have been battling in the courts since then. Philip Holden, the head of Lloyd's financial recovery department, said: "This is the end of the long road of litigation for those Names who have oot paid their debts. All the appropriate enforcement

pursued as soon as possible." Scottish decline THERE WAS a sharp decline

measures will now be

in Scottish manufacturing output, orders and employment in July, according to a survey by the Bank of Scotland. Prices of goods bought by manufacturers continued to fall, largely because of cheaper imports, but wages and salaries in the service sector continued to rise. David Jenkins of the Bank of Scotland said: "The decline in absolute terms in manufacturing output in Scotland is increasingly worrying. The immediate prospects for the Scottish ecooomy leave little room for

encouragement" Coral deal threat LADBROKE's last-ditch

attempt to gain regulatory approval for its £363m takeover of rival bookmaker fierce criticism from opponents to the deal. William Hill, Ladbroke's arch-rival, and a group of independent bookmakers said they would write to Peter Mandelson, the new trade and industry secretary, to complain that Labdroke's offer to sell an extra 167 shops to the Tote would still leave as the dominant player in the industry. The DTI is due to decide on the merger within 20 days.

GPG turnabout GUINNESS PEAT GROUP

(GPG) has dropped demands for a demerger and the return of cash to shareholders, the support services group Staveley Industries said yesterday. GPG, the New Zealand investment group chaired by Ron Brieriey, owns 12.8 per cent of Staveley and had called for the demerger of British Salt and the return of cash to Staveley shareholders. A extraordinary meeting is scheduled for 6 August.

Rank shares soaring

THERE IS nothing like a hostile takeover story to spice up a dull summer day. Better still if it involves one of the chronic underperformers of recent times. Step forward Rank, the Hard Rock Cafe to bingo

The Independent's revelation that the troubled outfit is being circled by venture capital funds gave Footsie's flagging drive a bit of a Viagra treatment. The shares, a pathologic under-achiever in recent times, put on 13.8 per cent to end at 337p, at the top

the blue-chip board. Unfortunately, Rank's soaring run could do little against the powerful bearish winds coming from overseas, which swept Footsie away in the afternoon. A negative opening on Wall Street and worries about Japan proved the lead-ing index's undoing, playing a major part in the 73.7 point closing loss to 5837.0 points.

The FTSE 250 and the small cap benefited from their insular nature and had a better day than their bigger brother. The 250 finished just 2.7 points off at 5482.7, while the small cap managed a 5.2 point rise to

Among blue chips, the banks were once again under

SHARES IN Syence Skin Care, a company which specialises in anti-ageing products, ended the day unchanged at 10.5p after reporting a £77,000 loss for the year. The group, listed on Ofex, hit the headlines when it clasted with the BBC over the allegations made on one of its antiwrinkle products in a Watchdog programme. Syence won an apology and damages, but said at vesterday's results announcement that the incident had "dampened eupboria" over its products.

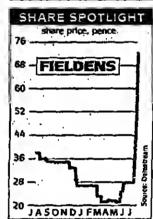
the spotlight. A £400m pension misselling provision at Lloyds TSB overshadowed decent results and sent the shares spiralling down. They finished 67p off to 834p.

Lloyds has got Sets to thank for not topping the Footsie worst performers' list. A couple of rogue deals on the automated order book sent the engineer Smiths Industries tumbling minutes before the bell. Two trades at 711p one minute before closing, after the stock had been coasting along at 753p for most of the day, acMARKET REPORT

Takeover story sets



FRANCESCO GUERRERA



counted for a 9.2 per cent collapse. The final recorded price

was 711p. Other banks ignored Sets' vagaries and focused on Lloyds' woes. Abbey National lost 41p to 1,141p, Halifax was 7p lower at 723p, Bank of Scotland was 34p off to 370p, while NatWest, which reports figures on Tuesday, was down 65p to 1.060. The bank said yesterday it was selling its carleasing business to joint

venture partner Lex Services. The earnings-enhancing deal and a roaring set of results helped Lex, the rent-a-car group, to motor ahead 17p to

Cellular phone operators were upwardly mobile after Merrill set a near-term target price of 1,050p for Orange. The shares took a giant leap towards the target, rising 47.5p

Vodafone remained connected to its rival and rose 20p in sympathy. Securicor, partowner of Celinet, was close by with a 13p rise to 558p.

Albright & Wilson, the chemicals group, found the right mix of takeover speculation and a positive note from Williams de Broe. The shares topped the FTSE 250 risers' list after a 11.4 per cent gain to 121.5p. They were challenged for top spot by Arcadia, the clothes shop chain, which put on a 5.3 per cent rise to 361.5,

after Panmure Gordon upgraded its recommendation and slapped a 385p price target on the stock.

Support services groups hit rock-bottom after a bearish trading statement from Business Post Gronp, whose shares fell 65p to 84.5p. Rival Danka shed more than 17 per cent to 117.5p, as pessimism spread through the sector.

Torotrak, the engineer which specialises in inventing new hi-tech equipment completed a pretty dismal maiden week on the market by losing 16.5p to 262.5p. It has lost 27.5p since it was spun off from BTG at the beginning of

the week with a 300p price. Torotrak's boffins are probably thinking of a device to transform the company into Fieldens, Shares in the AIMlisted agricultural company more than doubled to 103.5p. as the market could not contain its excitement at Thursday's news that two former Hanson directors had taken control of

Vanguard Medica was in demand, after the pharmaceutical company announced it. was close to a deal with a drug giant to develop its antimigraine drug. A recommen-dation from the Investors

WIGGINS GROUP firmed 0.5p to 14p yesterday after the construction group said it had been selected as prefferred bidder for Manston airport. The RAF airfield, which boasts a runaway as long as Heathrow's, is due to be transformed into London's fourth civilian airport under the grand name of Kent International

Chronicle also provided an helping hand. The shares leapt

Airport.

52.5p to 237.5p. No such luck or Geo Interactive. The small IT company admitted that first-half reveoues would be lower than expected because of the delayed shipment of some of its products, and dealers took

The stock shed 45 per ceot of its value to 62.5p. Similar grim story for the engineer Loades. A plunge into loss at the halfway stage and the shares soon followed, losing 170p to 325p.

SEAQ VOLUME: 824.9m SEAQ TRADES: 72,699 GILTS INDEX: n/a

Lex wins Leasing control

BY NIGEL COPE

LEX SERVICE, the car dealer and contract-hire group, continued the shake-up in the UK car-leasing industry yesterday when it agreed to pay up to £128.5m for full control of Lex Vehicle Leasing, Lex has run the contract-hire division as a 50:50 joint venture with Lombard North Central for several

Under the terms of yesterday's deal, Lex Service is paying £33.5m for an additional 30 to £36m and good perforper cent stake, with an option

to buy the remainder in three

The deal follows a statement by Arriva, the former Cowie bus group, that it has received expressions of interest in its vehicle-leasing division. The Lex deal arose because Lombard is keen to concentrate

on its own contract-hire business, British Car Contracts. The deal was announced as Lex Service reported a strong set of interim results, with half-

year profits up by 18 per cent

mances across the group in

leasing, trucks, car parts and the Hyundai dealerships.

The results were in stark contrast to other companies in the sector, such as Car Group, the second-hand car dealer, whose shares have been devastated by profits warnings over tumbling used car prices.

Lex said the downturn in prices had affected disposal profits, and this was expected to continue in the second half. The interim dividend was increased to 7.8p up from 6.8p last

higher at 511.5p.



Christie keeps winning formula,

MIDWAY THROUGH last Saturday afternoon, an ex-athlete talking oo a mobile phone strolled round the perimeter of Birmingham's Alexander Stadium, where the annual AAA Championships and trials were tak-

A middle-aged woman with a camera was the first to spot him. Two teenage girls arrived next, giggling. Then three Cub Scouts were swarming round him, demanding autographs - "First you have to say something." "Please?" "OK".

As the object of the Cubs' attention signed, one of them reached up to louch his watch. "Is that real gold"" he asked. "No," the man replied with a grin. "It's just painted to look like that," But it was real gold,

If anyone doubted that Linford Christic would retain his popular appeal after quitting the track, this informal demonstration served as well as anything else to lay those doubts to rest. Not that Christie himself had any: "I think the thing with the public will stay with me," said the burner Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth 100 metres champion. "I have been nice to adults and children all through my career."

This week marks the anniversary of the sudden decision by Britain's greatest sprinter to end that career. At 35, one year into the rest of his life. Christie finds himself husier than he

The management company he

founded with fellow athlete Colin Jackson, Nuff Respect, is taking up increasing amounts of his time. despite the fact that Jackson has now left - something which hurt and baffled Christie in equal measure. Recently, he has begun recording a new television series of Record Breakers, which is now known as Linford Christie's Record Breakers.

He still trains with and coaches a small group of athletes, three of whom - Darren Campbell, Paul Gray and Katherine Merry - provided him with cause for celebration last weekend as they won AAA titles. And as he watched over his charges from the stand. Christie had a younger dependant to consider in the form of his 18-month-old daughter. Briannah.

He was relaxed. And when his athletes won, he was exuberant. It made a pleasant cootrast to the matters which had so publicly preoccu-

pied him earlier in the month. For many outside the sport, the predominant recent image of Christie was that of a man weeping in the High Court witness box in the course of his successful libel action against a magazine article, written by the former prisoner John McVicar.

which accused him of drug abuse. A case that had taken three years to come to court gripped Christie with an emotional force he could not have foreseen: "For me it was a

A year after ending his extraordinary athletics career, Britain's former multi-champion is still driven by the need to succeed, whether training a new generation of sprinters or defending

his reputation in the High Court. Interview by Mike Rowbottom

Roddan, had cheated because he had helped me to get the drug I was accused of taking.

"That's the part that got me emohonest human person you can ever meet. I can defend myself. But what has Ron ever done to anybody? He gave up a lot of his time to help me achieve something, to give people someone to cheer on. Even people like John McVicar. I go out there to make him feel good about himself."

The argument that it was never in a traumatic, mud-slinging court case over an article written by a convicted felon in an obscure, and now defunct, magazine is one he acknowledges - but rejects.

"I don't regret taking the action," he said. "I would do it again exactthink I was on drugs, well they can think what they like. But if someone writes it. I don't care if it was in a onepage magazine and only one person

a cheat. Not even possibly, but defi- who has admired what I have done some people in the sport got scared, nitely. And they said my coach, Ron and wondered about whether they could do the same thing. And then they read I'm on drugs. I have got to correct that.

"I felt I was in a Catch-22 situational, because Ron is the most tion If I didn't defend myself against what McVicar had written, maybe people would have said: 'He isn't defending it. Maybe it's true."

"It was said in court that every single athlete is on drugs. That is totally wrong. I have been fighting for the good of the sport as well, because if it's thought that someone who was at the top of the sport like myself had worth his while embroiling himself taken drugs, the sponsors are going to say 'Let's get out of the sport, because you obviously can't win anything unless you are on drugs'."

For all that, Christie felt let down by various parts of the sport during his case. He is still clearly angry at those members of the media who he feels ly the same. If someone wants to have been ready to help McVicar's cause. And be also felt a distinct lack of encouragement from those within the sporting establishment

"I felt I could have done with a lot shock," he said. "I sat there and it read it. Because it could be the more by way of phone calls or enwas put to me that I was definitely wrong one person. It could be a kid couragement," he said. "I felt as if Cup in June - where he led Britain guys I'm like a boxer who sees an

sat on the fence and waited, although a lot of the athletes were great. Because they knew. I wasn't worried about the case, because I knew there was no way that you could find 12 people who would say 'Yes, I was on drugs.' I knew there's not a man alive or dead who could have said Yes, I've given Linford Christie drugs, yes, I've seen him taking drugs.' I just wanted to get the message out there that I will not tolerate anybody who tries to take my reputation away, especially in that way. And I only take people to

was competing. But the growing pressure of expectation caused him to consider retiring years before he actually made his sudden announcement midway through last year's World Championships in Athens, where he was present as a BBC analyser.

court when I know I am going to

win." Winning was something that

Christie made a habit of when he

He had begun the season by saying his international career would not stretch beyond the European

to their first win since 1989, when he old sparring partner becoming had been summarily appointed captain to receive the trophy.
"I just felt this borrible pressure

that's put on British athletes," he said. For some of my rivals, particularly the Americans, it was different. They were allowed to lose one or two races, to experiment from time to time. But for me it always had to be 'win, win, win'."

You suspect, however, that that imperative came from within. And the template is still there.

"Anything I do in my life is based on what I did in athletics," he said. a country mile in sprinting terms. "I put 100 per ceot into everything I do." That attitude caused problems when it came to guiding the fortunes of younger athletes. Just as England's World Cup winner is Darren," he added. "Records are Alan Ball found it hard to come to terms with young footballers who could not match his own commitment when he graduated to management, Christie - who for years trained six, sometimes seven days a week - had to adjust.

"I realised that because I had done it, I shouldn't necessarily expect it of them," he said. "Because everyone's an individual."

Christie will not admit to feeling any pangs of regret since giving up his track career. He maintains that be is fully detached from his old calling, but it looks more like semidetachment. "When I watch the

beavyweight champion. You always believe that because you used to knock them around, then if they can do it, you can do it."

He denies being tempted to resume his career, but still talks wistfully about last season's scrapped plans to run in Britain for his team, Thames Valley Harriers: "If my club needed me to run, I would," Christie said. At the moment, the best young British 100m runners are running more than three-tenths of a second outside Christie's best of 9.87sec -

However, should one of them surpass the great man's best some time in the future. Christie said he would be delighted. "Especially if it meant to be broken, and hopefully someone will run faster than 9.87. It will be great for the sport. The atands will be full again.

"People will come out and say, 'we want to watch this runner'. But the problem is that people are pressurising the young guys by saying they have to be the new Linford Christie. And they are pressurising themselves. The more they try to be like me, the more tight they are

going to become.
"So the message to them has to be to go out and do what they have to do. And forget me."

It's a point of view. But try telling that to the Cub Scouts.

It's so difficult to outwit an octogenarian

FLAGS OF all nations fluttered around the rim of Wembley Stadium, just as they had exactly half a century earlier for the opening of

the 1948 Olympics. Gathered dutifully in the main stand next to Princess Anne, the recalled competitors of that Olympiad heard the recorded speeches of the departed: Lord Burghley and King George the VI, men gone from this earth, whose voices sounded here as they had 50 years previously.

The applause of 85,000 long-gone spectators thundered through the empty stands.

Baron De Coubertin - "The important thing in the Olympic Games is oot winning but taking part" stood proud, as they had done on ing of impatience, rather than cel-flight to the Netherlands.



MIKE ROWBOTTOM

On the scoreboard, the words of July 29, 1948, This time, however, the message was brought to us by Coca-Cola.

And this time, there was a feel-

ehration, in the air which centred old housewife and mother-of-two trouser suit who defied the critics to win four

given the way time works - her blonde hair, though shaded with grey, was still as lively as she was. band of the Scots Guards trumway back and forth across the Wembley turf, she waved cheerily to her companion on this special day, who would very shortly join ber in the car that was waiting to take her to the airport for her return to stop.

As in 1948, Fanny missed her around the media corps - of whom, bome. But for now, however, sbe OK. I was one - waiting to interview was content, tapping her hand to the the star of those Games, the 30-year-military beat on her lime green

The tune was "My old man said gold medals: Fanny Blankers-Koen. follow the van..." you know the one. Aged 80 now - as she would be, Then they went into "Ma, ma, come and make eyes at me down at the old Bull and Bush..."

The camera crews slowly gath-While the press men waited and the ered about the frail but lively octogenarian like the birds in the Alfred peted, boomed and companied their Hitchcock film. Fluffy booms were angled to within inches of her brow. Lenses were focused. Reporters with furrowed expressions lent forward with their microphones, waiting waiting for that military music

These medleys. It's so elever the into their midst.

way they keep moving them along. We were on to Mary Poppins now - "In the most delightful way". Then, smoothly, into "Knees Up

There was a massed raising of eyebrows. "Two more minutes." an organiser assured everyone.

Mother Brown".

The last compah echoed away. The moment bad arrived, and FEK skipped nimbly back to ber tawdry plastic seat to face the questions. "So," began the foremost interviewer. "Can we start..." But it was the music which started

"Land of Hope and Glory" this time, which caused the media throng to rear back as if someone had slung something disgusting

and Glory', tapping her foot approvingly, clapping along and beaming over to ber would-be inquisitors to share an enjoyment which elicited no more than a couple of

strained smiles. At last, the sound of silence returned. To be swiftly broken by a word from our red jacketed master of ceremonies: "Now ladies and gentleman, will you please kindly rise

for the Olympic anthem." It was, as these anthems so often are a stirring and lengthy composition, dwindling and rising to innumerable crescendos and

diminuendos. Outside, surely, the FBK limousine was already ticking over, her chauffeur consulting his watch.

FBK clearly loved "Land of Hope Then, finally, there was silence once again. The press bustled forward once again. And the MC stepped forward once again. "Ladies and gentleman, will you kindly now stand while the Royal party take their leave of the

stadium. FBK looked over to her friend again, amazed with mirth. Here was a fresb memory of Wembley for ber. "And all those reporters there waiting for me..." She looked as if she would enjoy dining out on

The royal party had gone oow but the MC had not. "I'm sure." he said, "You would now like to show your appreciation of the Scots

Guards. The music swelled once more.

"New coach Henry has a safe pair of hands

RUGBY UNION

BY ROBERT COLE

GRAHAM HENRY waltzed into Wales yesterday on the first assignment of his £t.25m job as the new Wales coach and promptly soft-shoe shuffled around every curve ball thrown

The 52-year-old New Zealander. faced by a barrage of television cameras and journalists, picked his way through the questions with extreme caution.

Henry is being hailed as the new Messiah of Welsh rugby, but he left no rope dangling with which to be hung the months ahead by not making anything remotely approaching a rash promise

The man who has enjoyed almost unblemished success with Auckland. Auckland Blucs and New Zealand A now finds himself in charge of a national team still comfrom South Africa.

"I have come with no pre-Welsh players to be like any other player anywhere in the world, to have

a desire to do their best," he said. "I want committed guys who give t00 per cent to the team and are obligated to their training and fitness. want them to be excited about playing for Wales and I want them on



Henry: wants Wales to be 'on

BASKETBALL

Harry Wrublewski, has allayed fears for the club's future by saying: "I won't leave this club high and dry.

My gut feeling is that I will still be

The new Budwieser league cani-

paign begans in six weeks. Bullets

are having talks with Nottingham Panthers ice hockey club to huy 50

per cent of the tranchise. But the sit-

uation has arisen only because

Wruhlewski wants to return to his

home in Australia, where his moth-

the Australian-based backing of his

brother Mike, has built the Bullets

into probably the most financially se-

cure and best supported club in the

When word circulated that per-

In seven years Wrublewski, with

er is dying of cancer.

here at the end of next season."

As to Welsh expectations when they host next year's World Cup there was another neat side-stepping answer "As long as there is an upward slope of improvement, most people will be happy with that," he said.

And as to taking up the poisoned chalice there was more of the same. "Every coach realises that if they don't produce results they can't expect to last," he said. "That is part of the deal and I am comfortable with that."

Henry, who takes over three months after the departure of Kevin Bowring, will return to Wales to take up his post on 28 August will then go under the nucroscope in a big way. starting with the Test against South Africa at Wembley in November.

"There is a great passion for the game in Walcs and that was a major reason for me in accepting the offer, but the foundations have to be there to produce a good team." be said.

You cannot put the cart before the horse, the right structure is ing to terms with a 96-point hiding crucial if Wales are going to be competitive.

Henry has indicated he is likely conceived ideas and I expect the to take a couple of Welsb club coaches aboard his coaching team, but he will not be rushed into anything he may later regret.

"I need time to get the feel of things," he said. "It won't be tomorrow and it might not be in 90 days. There is nothing worse than making wrong decisions and then having to change them.

"It was a great honour to first be asked about the post six weeks ago and now I am delighted to be here. I will do as much as I can to ensure Wales get the results we want."

It has been one loog success story for Henry so far, but now comes the real test of his coaching ability, with Henry admitting be has been "fortunate" with the players and teams he has worked with over the last seven years. Having said that It is worth noting that of the 39 Super-12 matches Auckland played under his guidance, they woo 32, drew one and lost six.

As to his style he left no one in any doubt that he is very much a handson man. "I am a coach - a tracksuit coach - and I always have been a coach," he said. "I am not a manager.

sonal reasons might force

stronger footing than any team in the

league. We are having talks with Panthers but there are no deals oo the

Bullets' 6ft 11in international

for an American big man to replace

World Basketball Championship.

the sport's ruling body. Fiba, said

from the rest of the tournament and

if the second test proves positive he

faces a ban from national and club

basketball for between one to three

yesterday. He has been suspended

table and there is no contract."

Bullets for sale but

Conditions in the Solent were tough for the Commodores' Cup and Cowes Week, starting today, can expect the same Radio days at Cowes Week

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TURN ON, tune in, go racing is the message from sponsors Skandia Life as they hand out 416 little yellow radios to competitors in Cowes eek, wiiich degins its e

bival of sailing today. Of course, there will still be the tradition of flags breaking out their signals and cannons reinforcing them to inform four. the smaller, mainly dayboat classes, future looks secure of the courses they are to sail the countdown to their starts.

This time they must lister of the courses they are to sail and

This time they must listen to Cowes Week Radio as well for all of that though for many it will the same as usual just follow the ones in front.

by radio, flags only being used for postponements.

There have ofteo been many of as if that all-important racing fuel. wind, will be available. It was in precious short supply far too many times last year, when one complete day was lost, the opening one, and many smaller classes lost three or

There may also be a last-minute rush for oilskins among the 835 entries, about 100 down on last year, but, judging from a High Street boasting one new delicatessen opposite an Island Sailing Club installing extra bedroom capacity and

Not knowing whether to be happy or unhappy is Peter Poland, boss of Hunter Boats, who make the poputhose, but this year it at least looks lar 707. He is happy because, with 35 entries, they outnumber all the other sportboats, but unhappy, bear there are less th 50 although the main reason for that is that a couple of dozeo of them instead went to Cork Week earlier in

The Cork craic is getting the upper hand," says Poland, indicating, perhaps, that it should be the Cowes Week organisers that should be unhappy. Take out the day boats and the number of entries for Cowes Week is oow well below those attracted to south-west Ireland every two years.

vals, though Cowes likes to project a more champagne image, but people only have a limited number of weeks they can absent themselves from work. So It will be one of the jobs of incoming regatta organiser Stuart Quarrie to n premacy of Cowes, bringing in new ideas as well as vital sponsorship money. He works alongside the retiring Dan Bradby at the Cowes Combined Clubs oerve centre this week Next month he is oo his

At least Cowes Week also now stands alone, separate from the Rolex Commodores' Cup, which finished two days ago, and separate next year from a reorganised Admiral's Cup, which will also be staged in mid-July.

fore the 1995 event be was taken ill. Later cancer was diagnosed. After a full recovery, he is oow bolding eighth place in the championship. WORLD SUPERBINES Official practice [Brauds Hatch).: 1 C Fogarty (GB) Ducan Imm 26.103 2 5 Histop (GB) Yamaha 1.26.294, 3 A Sight (NB) Honda 1 26.373: 4 P Child (It) Ducan 1.26.471; S N Hodgson (GB) Kawasaki 1 26 553.

Wrublewski to return home, Pan-BY RICHARD TAYLOR thers quickly approached. The grown-ups in the bigger keela handful of new restaurants the Wrublewski said: "We had 60 boats are all expected to have radios. party will be as strenuously conso all their information will be seot Both are also major beer festi-THE BUDWEISER play off champispectators at our first game, now we can draw up to 10,000. No one need ons. Peugeot Bullets Birmingham. are up for sale, but their owner. have any fears for the future of this club. We have put the Bullets on a

GOODWILL GAMES

JENNY THOMPSON clocked the fourth-fastest butterfly split in history on Thursday during a triumphant evening for the United States in the Goodwill Games team swimming

on helped the United States to win the opening event, the 4x100 medley relay, against the World All Stars with a split of 58.33sec for the hut-

butterfly in 58.72, the 12th-fastest in made it to the wall, luckily I was this year's Nagano Olympics, led Armenian Vakhtang Darchinyan.

history, only minutes before switch- there first. I knew it was going to be

"I was just dead, somebow I

difficult, but I had no clue it was going to be this difficult. I was just hoping I would survive this whole ex-

The South African double Olympic champion, Penny Heyns, won the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke in 1:08.14 and 2:27.98 respec-

The Olympic 200 metres freestyle champion, Franziska van Almsick, won her gold medal event plus the 100 metres butterfly for Germany.

Michelle Kwan, silver medallist at

from the world silver medallist, Maria Butyrskaya. The American teeoager was greeted with thunderous apuse which reached a crescendo as she finished with a flourish. The Russian Victoria Volchkova, who turned to on Thursday, was lying third in her first senior competition.

celebrated his 18th birthday with the biggest win of his career. Benitez, one of three US teenagers to advance to the finals, outpointed the

Fogarty focused on making amends to fans

MOTORCYCLING

BY NORMAN FOX

A YEAR after disappointing over 60,000 motorcycling fans at Brands Hatch by falling from his Ducati, the British former World Superbike champion, Carl Fogarty, returns to the scene tomorrow in an attempt to reward them with victories in what could be a farewell appearance.

After eight rounds, Fogarty aged 32, who won both superbike races at Brands Hatch three years ago and was world champion in 1994 and 1995, is in fourth place in the overall championship which is led by the Australian Troy Corser, also oo a

But Fogarty, from Blackburn, is more concerned about repaying the loyalty of his fans and winning at east one of tomorrow's two races. "There's been a lot of talk about me retiring" be said. "But all the time I think I can win, I want to go on. Even so, his retirement is expected at the end of the season.

After being fastest in yesterday's practice that was for a long time dominated by Steve Hislop, Britain's wild card" Yamaha rider, the chances of Fogarty succeeding at Brands are greater than of eventually recovering all of the lost ground in the championship itself.

Although he started the season with a win in Australia, various mechanical problems and what be admits has been his own inconsistency bave condemned him to a supporting role, which be has hated so much that he has deflected rather than denied retirement.

For most of this season, his spectacular red Italian Ducati has been left wanting for acceleration by Japanese machines. Corser, although only 11th fastest yesterday and with only one victory, has raced his Ducati consistently in the top points scorers. He is familiar with Brands, having won there before. He also has an advantage this weekend in knowing that two of the fastest riders in superbike racing, the New Zealander Aaron Slight (Honda) and the Japanese Kawasaki rider Akira Yanagawa, were both victims of frightening crasbes in the last round in California. Yanagawa suffered head injuries but Slight, who is second overall, escaped with a badly cut foot which, however, did not stop him achieving third fastest yesterday.

Apart from Fogarty and Hislop. British interest tomorrow will be oo who tumbled off yeslerday but walked away, and Neil Hodgson on a Kawasaki. Last year Hodgsoo rode brilliantly at Brands, with a fourth place, while Whitham's enthusiasm rarely gets rewarded on the spectacular Kent circuit which brings back bad memories. Just be-

Thompson's footnotes to history

Chris Haslam has signed for the Greek Second Divisinn Appollon Patron, leaving the club to search The Nigerian Julius Nwosu has tested positive for ephedrine at the competition.

The five-times Olympic champiterfly leg. She then captured the 100 metres

ing disciplines and anchoring the 4x100 metres freestyle relay quartet to victory by 0.39sec. The final relay win was sufficient to give the US the match 65-57 and keep them oo course for the gold medal today. The Americans will meet Germany, who

defeated China 80-42. Thompson said: "The last five metres I felt like that guy in Soving Private Ryan, all slow motion, a blurry daze where you can't figure out what's going on.

after the ice dance short programme

In the hoxing semi-finals, the American flyweight Roberto Benitez

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of days that David Unsworth was an Aston Villa player - one of the shorest sojourns in football history. Unsworth makes other

short-termers - Joey Beauchamp's 56 days at West Ham, Asa Hartford's 61 days at Notingham Forest and Clive Alleu's 62 days at Arsenal - seem like seasoned velerans

Taking a dart at brownies on the wildest moor

"NO NO Brian. My legs just won't go that far." said f in uobelieving voice, verging on the high pitched, "Oh dear, OK then, let's find an easier bit to cross," said Brian in a lovely West Country voice.

Brian Easterbrook, latterday prison officer, 1994 English Rivers fly fishing champion, member of the 1995 and '96 England international fly fishing team, was trying to make me cross the West Dart river. A tiny river by big boy Scottish salmoo river standards, a truly beautiful clear river - nunctuated by boulders. rock pools and stones - but a river that could nevertheless be difficult

and bitchy. Easterbrook, despite being retired, was like a mountain goat. He would say "Let's cross the river," and I would think "Where"," and he would simply skip, jump and stride from one slippery rock to another.

We met him at Two Bridges.



ANNALISA BARBIERI ON FISHING

Easterbrook packed our lunch and extra clothes in his back pack and off he strode, his long walking staff in one hand and rods in the other. Not even the extra weight of our pro-

visions slowed him down. We walked for an hour to get to

were to begin fishing, trekking through some awesome scenery. We passed through Beardown, the last place on Dartmoor where bears were seen, now long gone, and then saw the West Dart waiting for us in the valley below.

When we reached the river Easterbrook set up our rods, while we stood far back from the river so as not to scare the fish. These were no fat, Champneys-reared trout but wild and magnificent brownies who made news if they reached three pounds: there's no rich pickings here to feed off and life is hard. Hence the West Dart rears tough little fish, who are some of the finest I have ever seen, but they are

difficult to fool. Easterbrook (biggest trout from this river: 41/-lb, some 25 years ago) uses a 10ft Aiken rod with a 3lb breaking strength line and a very And all the time you have to keep light, long leader. Usually land he's your fly in the air while walking.

been fishing the Dartmoor rivers for more than 50 years) he would put three flies oo at once, but this is quite advanced and tricky so we used one fly only. Then we were off. Easterbrook

put the two of us on separate stretches of water and we were to leapfrog each other so as not to fish the same pool twice. It was at this point that I realised this was going to be no ordinary experience. Fishing Dartmoor rivers is arduous, the terrain is - like its fish - completely wild. You flick a fly into the water a few times and then immediately move on a few steps because you will have fished that water and spooked the fish.

But these few steps aren't easy. There's either a rock to climb over, or a hole to not fall into, a quagmire to avoid or some general topsyturviness to send you off balance.

I lost count of the oumber of potholes I fell into. One minute I was talking to Easterbrook, the next my right leg had disappeared into the earth up to my thigh. "Don't break

five miles from the nearest bouse." At one point, surrounded by quagmires of unknown depth which I could not try out with my stick (essential oo Dartmoor) because Easterbrook had inadvertently gone off with it, I really wished I was anywhere but on the banks of the West Dart, But then I caught my first brownie of the day - despite breaking all the rules and casting over the same spot some 12 times because I couldn't move anywhere else - and he was beautiful. Only a matter of ounces but I could have entered him for any trout beauty contest.

I raised maybe five more fish from the same spot, all on a size 16 Black Pennell. So much for theories: fish always surprise you.

Easterbrook could see I was having a hard time of it and decided to take me a bit more up river where things were, according to and skip across rivers using boulhim, easier. As my knees touched your leg," Easterbrook said, "we're my chin on a particularly steep asceot up the bank, Easterbrook asked me what terrain I was used

to. "Pavements and carpets," I joked. "Just as well I didn't take you to the East Dart," he smiled, "it's really wild there." I gently explained that definitions were blurred. To Easterbrook the

jungle is probably a nice warm place with a few leaves and some interesting noises. We passed Wistman's Wood. a

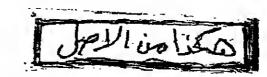
medieval forest with its mysterious gnarled, lichen-draped trees that grow out of bleak, rocky soil. You cannot help but fall in love with Dartmoor and its abandoned, don't-givea-damn beauty. For lunch we found a bit of level ground and I nibbled oo my delicious pasty from the

Home Made Cake Shop in Tavistock (highly recommended) and thought how I too could keep up with Mr E ders as stepping stones.

As the pure, bracing air slapped my cheeks I followed Easterbrook to another spot. He led me through five-foot-long grass, "All I can see is your hat!" chuckled Easterbrook as be looked behind him. "As long as vou can still see that," I thought, "a

quagmire won't have claimed me." The afternoon wore on with me catching two more glorious, perfect brownies on a Brian's Green Fly and a Half Stone. The day ended at about five, Easterbrook, with his clippers on an old bit of string round his neck, fair skipped away while I, exhausted but exhilarated, watched him go. The West Dart, beautiful, difficult and wild as she is, gave me the best day's fishing I've ever had.

Even East of the sea of present the new pages 3.



Bail for SP reporter

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

NEAL WILKINS, the Press Association's chief starting-price reporter arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud on Monday, was yesterday bailed while investigations continue.

Wilkins collapsed when officers from the Metropolitan Police's Clubs and Vice Unit raided his home and he was taken to hospital. He was well enough yesterday to attend Charing Cross police station, where he was expecting to be interviewed, However, Wilkins was merely told to report back on 19 November.

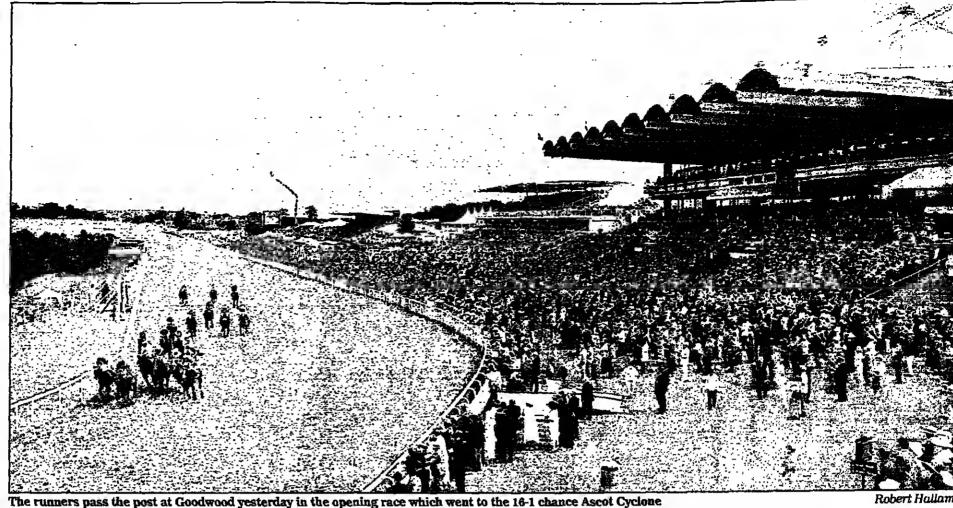
He expressed his dissatisfaction at the delay and said he was available at any time to assist inquiries. *Mr Wilkins has been involved in the racing industry all of his adult life and. until the events of this week, he has never had any slur placed on his character," a statement from his solicitors said. "He is keen to see this matter re-

solved as expeditiously as possible so that he can return to work oo the racecourse.

"Mr Wilkins is confident that there is absolutely no foundation to the as yet wholly unparticularised allegations made against him. He is gravely concerned and suspicious that his arrest was driven by others within the racing industry as an attempt to discredit him for ulterior motives."

Wilkins, 49, has been an SP reporter since 1973, one of the team of men who returns prices from the racecourse. He has anpeared frequently on television, both as a guest of C4's The Morning Line and market informant for the BBC. He is one of the most recognisable figures on the southern racecourse circuit, an always immaculately dressed figure with a penchant for substantial cigars.

Yesterday's results, page 22 Tomorrow's cards and Hyperion's tips will appear in the Independent on Sunday



2.35 ROCOM SELLING HANDICAP (LADIES RACE) (CLASS F) £4,600 added 6f **THIRSK**

2.05 Get Stuck in 2.35 Smooth Princess 3.10 Broughton Magic 3.40 Crystal Falls 4.10 High Spirits 4.40 Harbiya GOING: Good STALLS: Round course - misde: straight course - stands ade ORAW ADVANTAGE: High for St and 6t Left-hand course level but quite sharp.

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6.25 SILVER & BLUE NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (QUALIFIER) (E) £4,000 2YO 5F

Simon Holt of Channel 4 Racing analyses today's Stewards' Cup at Goodwood

BETTING: 9-4 Cage Am: Folies, 4-1 Crystel Falls, Kingdom Queen, 9-2 McGillycuddy Reeks, 7-1 Hill Farm Dances, 12-1 Rheinbold, 20-1 others 4.10 LORDS TAVERNERS HANDICAP

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4.40 WISDEN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

BETTING: 2-5 Wigging, 3-1 Harbiya, 18-1 Codege Rose, 25-1 May

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BETTING 9-3 Get Stuck in, 5-2 Nowell House, 7-2 Combin 8-1 Majagera, Zaragossa, 14-1 Shalari, 20-1 Hana's Pride

532 COMBINED VENTURE (13) E Weymer 9 0 W Supplin 3
533 GET STUCK IN (26) (BF) MEX L Person 9 0 J Cancol 4
63 NOWELL HOUSE (29) M W Extently 9 0 T Locas 1
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8.15 FRESHNEY PLACE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E) £4,500 added 371 17

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2 0-4-50 MR REINER (29) 1 Visite 10 11 3 ... AS Smith
3 30:33 SUPER RITCHART (20) £ Paling 10 11 ... AS Smith
4 GAR-7 SARIN MINISTREL (53) M Permat 7 10 5 ... C. Usessiya B
5 63-42 MALIHABAD (19) R Holmshead 9 10 4 ... Gary Lyons
6 34-70 THRITY BELOW (29) 10 Charman 9 10 1 ... W Worthington
8 2-61 OUDSALL CROSSETT (9) £ Care 3 10 0 Mr J Crowley (7)
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8.45 LADIES IN HALF PRICE' NOVICE

- 8 declared -Magnetin 10th Magnetic Gentlern For the 10th The Command Aid 9s 90 BETTING: 6-4 Keen Waters, 7-2 Sporky, 5-2 Scotlish Barntal, 8-1 Mo's Boy Sea God, 14-1 Grantum Pridu. 18-1ethers

HAMILTON

-5 declared BETTING: 5-4 Good Hand, 7-4 Philimint, 13-2 Ocean Brauze, 8-1
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STALLS: In 1! - Inside; rest - stands side.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5! and 8!.

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BETTING: 52 Royal Dream, 9-2 Instalting, 7-1 Betterd Lady, Mrs Mela-prop. 8-1 Piccolo Calivo, Bodforddistinction, 19-1 Majasani, 18-1 others 7.55 ROTHMANS NORTH SOUTH HANDI-CAP (D) E7,500 added 3YO 1m 1f

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8.25 BOTHWELL NURSERY HANDICAP (QUALIFIER) (E) £4,500 sdded 2YO 6f

- 8 Seclared -BETTING: 2-1 Perigeox, 8-1 Ringside Jack, Voeburgh, 7-1 Highly Pan-cied, Tempramental, 8-1 Kieli Creem, Miss Multiply, 10-1 College Dean

and has speed for this. Exposed. Eastern Purple: Runawsy winner at Haydock in May and fair fifth at Newbury on latest start.

Gaelie Storm: On a hal-trick following victories at York and New-castle. Progressive type. Chances. Prond Native: Successful over five furlongs at Doncaster in March but "duck eggs" for form figures since. Superior Premium: Third land best of far-side group! in Wokingham at Boyal Ascot and has won twice since, Should run a big race.

Selburstpark Flyer: Splendid front-

runner who, despite advancing years, s better than ever,

Fire Dome: May develop into Group borse and is well handicapped.

Nigrasine: Winner over seven furiones

Dancethenightaway: Finished fast in the Woldingham, Inconsistent. Triple Hay: Course-and-distance scorer in May and made bold show Double Action: Was never going in the Wokingham, Likes cut. Nuclear Debate: Fast-improving

sprinter from shrewd yard. Consider. Surveyor: Unlucky third at Newbury last time. Open to improvement. Qilin: Well-beaten third in listed race at York. High in the weights. No Extras: Three times a course winner between six furlongs and a mile and looks tuned up for this. Strong finisher from stable in form.

Bold Effort: Fair eighth in the Wol ingham and then got up in the last stride at Sandown (stiff 50). Often runs well in this type of race. Night Shot: Consistent sprinte successful on softish ground. Literary Society: Looked in need of this trip at Ascot (SD last time.

The Gay Forc Held by several rivals Gets behind in early stages. Harmonie Way: Strongly-run six fur-longs should suit but held by the handicapper. Rudi's Pet: Well beaten recently.

Jayanapee: Getting on but won at Balb two starts ago. Course winner Masha-II: Beat 23 others over course and distance in June with four of today's rivals behind. Lamarita: Good third at Epsom in June but hangs under pressure Stand Tall: Useful round the gaffs but yet to run well at this grade. Always Alight: Has run respectably in big handicaps Tough.

Sharp Hat: Must improve. Sylva Paradise: Fourth at Ascot form working out wells on last start. Distinctive Dream: Disappointing

bere last month. Kilcullen Lad: No chance with winner when second last time. Speedy Ansellman: Hardy velerao who seems better in cla Conclusion: FIRE DOME could be a Group horse in a handicap.

GOODWOOD 2.15: Frankie Dettori's booking for the handily-drawn Dandy Dancer catches the eye. Richard Mullen is s useful 5th-claimer and can gel the best out of HOH STEAMER.

2.45: Docksider has good prospects here as long as the going does not turn soft. Howevmount must be the selection.

3.20: Midnight Line disappointed when only third in the Oaks. She looks vulnerable to the Irish challenger KITZA

3.50: If more rain arrives, Ray Cochrane would have o fine chance on the seemingly well-drawn Eastern Purple. But is SYLVA PARADISE. Both stable and borse look to be returning to form, and Michael Roberts did not give his mount a hard time

when fourth at Ascot last week.

Goodwood 2.45

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HYPERION'S

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amongst the winners of late, and CHLO-JD can continue the good ground and in the mud.

3.45: MDNSAJEM hit winning form in August a year ago and the colt is capable of establishing a pal-tern. Despite his long absence from the track, he has more scope than today's rivals.

4.15: FIRST MUSICAL seeks to extend her winning sequence to five. This filly is a tough sort who has shown admirable enthusiasm.

4.45: John Gosden's handicappers have been picking up plenty of prize money lately and MIGRATE can add to the coffers. The recent-NEWMARKET rain should help the filly to defy a-3.15: Mel Brittain's yard has been 5lb rise for her Yarmouth victory.

WORCESTER

2.20 Fill The Bill 2.50 Announcing 3.25 Flaxley Wood 3.55 Danegold 4.30 Miss Ondee 5.05 Persian Butterfly 5.40 Timmyjohn

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2.20 ROUNDHEAD SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 7:352 FILL THE BILL (F36) (8F) ALF 200 A R 7 A P McCoy (7F 4) HALHAM 1ARN (42) (01 5 Abreton 9 R 7 A Dowling (7) 10 DESERT GREEN (FRI (F302) 9 F 202 9 R 0 A Foot #0000 POCONO KINGHT (F8) C Jones 9 to 3 #2000 FLAHINES FIRST (F8) A J Proce 4 to 0 #00 POCALAS (110) # Alberton 3 to 0

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- 8 declared - SETTING. 4-5 FIR The Bill. 9-2 Deson Green. 6-1 Flahlve & First. 8-1 Halhars Tarn. 10-1 Douiss. 25-1 Pocono Knight, Riso Above. Formerbare 2.50 LEVY BOARD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) \$3.000 added 2m

-(107) AMMOUNCING (42) 6 L Mode 4 7/2 . G Bradley (44) 64 MR SPECULATOR (7) J Scentral 5 7/0 A Johnson 9 CE OF ROCKVILLE PRICE (181 D Dusgan 6 Tr 9 SYLVAN MEIGHTS (FT45) P 6 (Account 5 Tr 0

- 8 declared - SETTING: 5-4 Announcing, 6-4 Praeditus, 7-1 Mr Speculator, 10-1 Love Venturo, 25-1 Sylvan Heights, Toski, 33-1 others 3.25 BROMYARD NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5.500 added 2m 7f 110yds

216-1 FLAXLEY WOOD (10) (CD) R Sudder 7 Ti 8 ... B Power STU-C WINTER BREEZ (26) (D) F Albert III 9

FC-PP GLADSTONE (10) (D) Albert 5 50.00 3 ft 2

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Foliation UP AND OVER (9) (D) A Time 7 ft 2.

Mrs F Needham - J declared -BETTING: --6 Flackey Wood, 7-4 Winter Breeze, 10-1 Up And Over, 25-1

3.55 EVESHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,500 added 3m FUR 2 LOCHMAGRAIN (29) (D) H Cair 10 II II | A Johnson B Cm = COURT CIRCULAR (19) (CD) W Cla; 9 II 10 | G Tormey V Car = COURT CIRCULAR (19) (CD) W Cla; 9 II 10 | G Supple (3)

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4.30 COMMANDERY AMAYEURS HANDI-CAP HURDLE (E) £3,000 2m 2f

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6-605 SOLITHERIN RECOS (69) Since 7 0-0 . Mins Mins E Jones (9)

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Alternation (60) The micros Positive 11-2 Migh Low, 13-2 Treat Me Bott, 8-1 Coddy's First 10-1 Bigging, 12-1 Vicency Rules, 14-1 others

E-ST DRESTORATION MOVICE HANDICARD

5.05 RESTORATION NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E) £4,500 2m 41 110yds CRES HUNTERS HEAVEN (17) / Maske 7 tr to ... E Hor G4-62 DTHAAN (20) N. Fee 5 tr 9 A.P. G4-62 HOSSELL ISLAND (85) Mrs J. Roman 1 tr 6 ... | 19-22 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Canoni V | 19-22 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Canoni V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 8 Powel V | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 7 | 19-24 | DORNSTON BOYO (20) T V: 15 to 03-02 DORMSTON BOYO (20) 7 Wall 5 to 15 54-604 TEL ETHON (20) (D) 1986 C Carrie 71 to 5 600-06 MOON-FROG (24) Mass 2 Dension 71 to 5 BLUSTERY DAY (26) J 20 tope 6 1: 5 P Harday (3) G COD-65 GAMASKAR (29) A Streets 9 TO ______ S Wytens 44 PSSAM PRIDEWOOD GOLDING (20) C 1 Press C TO _____ Miss E James

8-1 Hunters' Heaven, Persian Butterfly, Dormston Boyn, 10-1 others 5.40 WORCESTER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (H) £1,500 added 2m

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4 ON OUR TOES (28) 9 Frost 4 00 7 — J Frost - 13 declared -= 13 Declared =
BETTING: 5-2 Flagship Theresa. 3-1 Timingfohn, 5-1 Generous Deal, 7Dancer's Chief. 10-1 Chartridge Hill, Pride Of Carmell, 16-1 ethers

LINGFIELD

6.05 Groom's Gold 6.35 Whatts Madam 7.05 Great News 7.35 Philosophic B.05 Puzzlement B.35 Red Rabbit

GOING: Turl - Good to Firm; Al-weather brack - Standard.

STALLS: Turt: Straight - stands side, Round course - outside,
AWT - inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best on turf up to 71.

• Left-hand course.

• Course is SE of flown on 82028. Lingfield station (served by
London, Victoral) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Cub 213, Femily
Enclosure 200. CAR PARK: Cub 23; rest free.

• LEADING TRAINERS 0 L Moore 94-657 (22%), IR Hamon 50-371
(15%), Lord Hunsingdon 41-225 (95%), G Kelleway 39-237 (5%).

• LEADING JOCKEYS: S Sanders 66-568 (116%), W Ryan
14-20 (96%), C Rutter 25-256 (98%), J Reid 24-45 (96%). -212 0651 C Rutter 25-255 (98%) J Reid 24-145 (166%) ● FAVOURITES: 751-2255 (33.3%)

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623445 BANNENGHAN BREEZE (B) K Nory 8 12 G Faultoner (5) 8 V 5 SHOOT THE RAPPLES (B) R Harmon 8 12 R Penham 1 D 10008 TO T FRADER (B) A Javra 8 12 D Sweeting 4 (2) MAGIC MEMORIES (b) D Elsworth 8 11 N Polland (5) 8 080 GOLD COAST (5) S Dow 8 to P Doe (6)
330NC COSMO JACK (11) M Pipe 8 9 M Roberts 1. 00000 MALCHER (11) P Howing 88 Page Edday 3 00 CRICKET'S SONG (64) 9 Weston 8 T G Dutlet 11 - 13 declared -BETTINC: 9-2 Cosmo Jack, 5-1 Wheelp Maders, 11-2 Shoot The Papids, 6-1 Lament, 7-1 Tay Trades, 8-1 Benningham Streeze. 10-1 others SETTING: 13-8 Great News, 5-2 My Bold Boyo, 8-1 Far Cry, 8-1 1 Wish You Love, Parsing Echo, Silversmith, 16-1 Géderaleve, 20-1 others 7.35 ROBIMATIC PLC CLASSIFIED STAKES (AWT) (CLASS E) £3,750 2m

BETTING: 1-2 On Call, 5-2 Philosophic, 16-1 Co. Behind The Scenes, Hortzonial, 33-1 Charle Side

8.05 GUARDWORTH HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 3f 105yde

— 14 declares — BETTING: 4-1 Denesman, 5-1 Admissis Secret 8-1 Gen See Boy, Secretific by, 7-1 Opera Buff, 8-1 Puzziersent, 19-1 Hartequin Walls, 12-1 others 8.35 LADY CHRISTINE HANDICAP STAKES (AWT) (F) £3,000 filles & mares 1m 2f - 11 declared -BETTING: 4-1 Misconduct, 5-1 Silenkia, 8-1 Little Mise Ribot, 13-2 Pep

pers, 7-1 Respirity Sauce, Special Person, 8-1 Sessy, 16-1 others

FIRST SHOW

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Sethurnst Park Flyer: In superb form in June, winning £25,000 contest at Epeom and the Wolanghern at Royal Ascot. Up another 6tb. A flesty pace-setter down the centre Fire Dome: Stays 6t gues very well on sort and with waiting factors, but not that refable. Very much one of his better days when winning Sendown listed race less time Nigrasine: Won 7f listed race at Haydock in June. Subsequent fourth of 7 at York (6t sort; off 1b higher than today) suggests something to find. Races up with pace Eastern Purples: East, winner of rated states at Haydock (6t, good to soft in May and ran well again latest start. Still has potential for better under soft conditions at 5f Gaestic Storms: Marked improvement in the mud over 6f at York and Newcastile last two starts, wenther both. Should no well again.

Gestle Storm: Marked improvement in the mud over 61 at York and Newcastle last two starts, werning both. Should go well again Proud Netwer Appeared to improve when winning 5t listed race (good to soft) at Don-caster in March. 6t form and recent efforts are less encouraging Superior Premium: Third in the 6f Ayr Gold Cup and Wokingham, first home lar side in taxer off 30 bover mark than today's Hes won both starts since, so every chance Demostrivenlightanway: Goes well on a soft surface, as when strong-finishing head second to Sethurst Park Flyer in the Wokingham. Does not always give her running though Triple Hay: Won at Goodwood in May and narrowly beaten in the Surveyor race at Newbury last time. Soft-ground form is a worry, including his 13th in the Wokingham. Double Action: Caught the eye when second to Gestle Storm at York (6t soft) and was second favourite for the Wokingham, boiling over however and farishing behind Nuclear Debetor. Rook nine starts to get of the mark, in 6t Thirsk mauden. Best coming late, and did so most impressively in Gosforth Park Cup (5t, soft) last time Surveyor. Looks the proverbied winner without a penalty after his neck third in rated steles at Newbury (6t good) last time, having no luck and nunning on strongly Qillin: Unproven on soft surface. Has gained both wins over 6t latest in conditions stakes

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VERDICT: The draw, as usual, is a complicating factor, with the chance of soft ground

VEHICLE: The craw, as usual, is a compagning sector, with me practice or sort ground thrown in now as well. The last time that the ground was on the soil side in the Staw-erds' Cup, with the leaders on the far side, was way back in 1990. The high numbers have also had most all the successes since. Surveyor, justifiably all the rage since have how, but most of the interesting runners have drawn logh. Harmonic Way, Distinctive Dream and Eastern Purple all enter colculations, but the one that stands out is SUPERIOR PREMIUM, who has run very well in other time sprint background.

4.25 TURF CLUB RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added 3YO 1m 6f

ETTING: 9-4 Pythlos, 4-1 Alabeq, 5-1 Perusing, 6-1 Debaal, Orpon, 12-1 Just Wiz, 20-1 Duchess Of Fernans, 25-1 Base

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5.35 TRUNDLE CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS C) £10,000

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EBF RICHARD BAERLEIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

in other top sprint handicaps, will act on the ground and is in very good form.

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Go high for new lottery

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

inators of a race as complex as the Stewards' Cup, but on this occasion we cannot demonise betting medium, by the Fifth Duke of Richmond and Lord George Bentinck in 1840. Within 10 years it carried £300 of the 2860 prize money at the meeting.

The Duke had been severely wounded by a musket ball at Othez in the Peninsular War, and his race has also damaged many punters for over 150 years. Trying to pick a winner from the 30-strong horde that comes screaming down the Sussex straight towards Trundle Hill has never been simple. And today, for the first time, an even more impossible conundrum is placed before punters. The Tote is launching the Tri-

fecta, its version of the Tricast, on the first anniversary of Peter Jones taking up his position as chairman. Punters are asked to predict the first three in the correct order and a guaranteed pool of £100,000 is part of the shimmering prize. After today's debut the Trifecta will be available on the "best betting race" tie the most difficult), every day.

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"By concentrating on the big betting race, the Tote Trifecta will generate large observed yesterday that she did pools, and the potential for rollovers," Rob Hartnett, the Tote's has been training well. How-PR director, said yesterday. If ever, Aidan O'Brien's Kitza today's treasure chest in not unlocked, the pot will move on to in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and Newcastle tomorrow.

The fresh strip of ground that Goodwood opens up on the looks at the mercy of Spindrift far side towards the end of its (2.45), who overcame the useful Glorious meeting invariably means that a high draw is advantageous. In recent years, only the Group class of animals such as Danetime and Loch- the card is away from the camsong has managed to overcome a single-figure box.

race occurred at Newbury last an atrocious run, but word ners appeared. Surveyor, the that Chief Rebel (2.40) can ante-post favourite, was the lever him out of the doldrums.

best of the bunch that day, but his chance was compromised IT WOULD be easy to identify on Monday, when he managed greedy bookmakers as the origaddition he is drawn poorly.

Those Newbury horses who have come out of the ballot well the big corporations. The race are JAYANNPEE (nap 3.50) was conceived specifically as a and Eastern Purple, who are drawn 30 and 29 respectively. As Superior Premium in 28 also has prospects (he was third in the Wokingham and has won twice since), there is a glimmer that the far three on the track can be the first three home. For the double, I am specu-

> occur in tonight's lottery. Here I go for 44.45.46.47.48 and 49. The class animals contest the Nassau Stakes, which has gone to some admirable fillies in its history. Last Second collected two years ago for Sir Mark

Prescott, and her stable is now

represented by Alborada. How-

ever, this looks destined for an

lating that a similar bias will

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Jayannpee (Goodwood 3.50) NB: Kitza (Goodwood 3.20)

athlete which has been contesting Classics this year. Midnight Line, the Oaks third, is one option, especially as Henry Cecil, her trainer, not stay at Epsom and that she (next best 3.20), the runner-up Oaks, has better credentials.

The preceding Listed race Doomna at Salisbury in June.

Newmarket services the hopeful with four televised handicaps, but the best bet on eras, in a maiden. Geoff Wragg may feel he is never going to On form, the key trial for the train a winner again following from his Newmarket vard is

1988 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 Fate of the favourities: 4 8 15 4 73:9:18:23 8 2 1/2 1 Windows's place in betting: D 0 D 8 D D D 1J 1 Starting-prices: 14-1 12-1 14-1 14-1 10-1 16-1 16-1 40-1 10-1 5-1 68 74 90 87 80 910 83 813 85 810 9 20 18 28 5 21 16 30 29 5 Knight Of Mercy (1990). Notley (1991) Top trainers: R Hannon -T D Barron - For The Present (1994). Coastal Bluff (1996) Top Jockeys: W Carson - Lochsong (1982), Kings Signet (1993) J Fortune Sweet Chasne (1988), Polar Boy (1989)

10-YEAR-TALE ON THE STEWARDS' CUP

Going out with a nuclear bang.

(A winning goodbye to **Glorious Goodwood** for Linda Ramsden: 8/1.)

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14/1 Masha-II 14/1 No Extras 14/1 Superior Premium 16/1 Distinctive Dream 18/1 Night Shot 22/1 Double Action 22/1 Selhuisipark Flyer 25/1 Bold Effort

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Ladbrokes For a bet, Ladbrokes are favourite.

GOODWOOD

4.25 WAY OUT YONDER (nap) 5.00 Orpen 5.35 Law Commission

2.45 Spindrift 3.20 Kitza (nb) 3.50 Sylva Paradise

GOTING: Good to Soft (Good in places). Penetrometer 3A: STALLS: Straight - stands side; Round - Inside (except trn4), outside). DRAW ADVANTAGE: High in 2:5 & 3:50.

Right-hand course with sharp bends and gradients.

Course is N of Chichester between A286 and A286. Chichester station 4m. ADMIS—
SION: Richmond Enclosure - members and their guests only; Gordon Enclosure 2:20: Public Enclosure 5:7. (Under-17s free); Trundle Enclosure free, CAR PARIC: 15; rest free.

LEADING TRAINERS: R Hemnon 36:348 (103%). P Cole 31-149 (208%). Sir M Stouts 28-95 (274%), H Cocil 24-101 (238%). J Dumlop 24-203 (118%).

LEADING 3DCKEYS: T Quinn 44-285 (14-9%), L Dettori 42-197 (213%), Pat Eddery 37-211 (175%). J Raid 36:267 (135%), R Hills 18-17 (154%).

FAVOURITES: 233-679 (34.3%). BLINKERED FIRST Tible: Thrashing (4.25).

2.	15	VODAFONE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 2YO 7f	BBC1
			PATENCE
1	22	BATHWICK (15) (D) (W Cilioto) B Smart 97	J Stack 14 97
		red, yellow sech, striped sleeves and star on cap	
2	23	DARK ALBATROSS (USA) (15) (D K Thorpe) J Durko 84	T Quino 8 95
		yellow, red aleevas, yellow stars, hooped cap	
3	15	ACHILLES STAR (82) (Achiles International) K Burke 9 4	Wegver 3 86
	deri	k blue, white stars, chevrons on sleeves, dark blue cap, white	star
4	4262	LADY GEORGIA (5) (A J Richards) C Brittain 9 4	Roberts 11 89
	b	black and white (helved horizontally), check cap, yellow sleave	8
6	0452	WOORE LASS (21) (Jimm Racing) R Hannon 9 1	CONNET 4 94
	-	purple, pink epaulats and sleeves.	
8	044	FAIR FLIGHT (14) (Chaifa Sultan) E Dunlop 8 1 K	Fallon 13 93
		white, red epaulets, striped sleeves and cap	
7	0112	CATCH ME (10) (D) (Mrs J 8 Mountfield) T Easterby 8 13	F Egan 18 93
		copper, white cross-belts, green sleeves, black cap	
8	00631	DANDY DANCER (10) (D) (M C North) S C Williams 8 13	Dettori 17 98
		emerald green, yellow stars, halved steeves, yellow cap	
8	534	emerald green, yellow stars, halved steeves, yellow cap BROWN'S FLIGHT (38) (Cecil Brown) 5 Dow 8 12	J Reid 15 94
		white, brown hoops, striped sleaves, white cap	
10	63024	MISSING TED (8) (Gervin-Jarvis) & Dow 8 7	Dos (5) 2 85
_		yellow, emerald green stripe, armiets and cap	
71	064	HOH STEAMER (49) (D F Alport) M Bell 85R 16	ulilen (3) 5 99
_		red, black chevrons, white sleeves, black armiets, white cap	
12	045	LADY BEWARE (15) (W H Porsonby) M Chennon 84R	Firench & 88
13		white, red seams, red and white quartered cap	– . –
	34)	MY SMILY (21) (B V and C J Pennick) G L Moore B 4R Bris	amos (7) 1 90
14	200	range, white spots, orange sleeves, orange cup, white diamon ZIRCON (79) (Mrs M J Vincent) M Channon B 4	O
_	dort	blue, beige stripe and sleeves, beige and dark blue quartered	1081
15	CHEST	MAXIME (47) (BF) (Capt C M Ryan) B Meehan 8 2	
_	J03	duck comments amounted comments of the	ma (a) 15 80

- 17 declared BETTING: 6-1 Codicil, 7-1 Dandy Deccer, 15-2 Catch Me, 8-1 Felr Flight, 16-1 Bathwick, Dark Albertote, Woore Lase, 14-1 Lady Georgia, 18-1 Brown's Flight, Lady Bewere, Micrime, 20-1 others 1997, Merrins Ring 8 5 L Detton 11-4 (e) (Baiding) drawn (2) 12 ran FORM GUIDE

Bathwick: Has done little wrong, beaten narrowly in two novice stakes (by Sampower Star at Salisbury last time) and comfortably winning a maden at Warwick, all at 77 Dark Albatroes Won Kempton maden and placed in small fields for two novice stakes

er Star at Salisbury last time) and comfortably winning a maden at Werwick, all at 77 Derik Albetroes Won Kernpton maden and placed in small fields for two novice staties since, perhape not Improving as much as was anticipated. Step up to 77 may help Achilikes Star: Well supported, clear-cult winner of malden at Kempton (good to soft). Old not come on for that, and has left Nick Littmoden. Move up from 5f will suit. Lady Georgia: Shapes as if move up to 77 will suit har very well. Second in 5f Samdown malden before never dangerous in novice staties at Ascot. Woore Lease: Won 6f Selsbury malden in June. Showed decent russery form, and that she stays 7f, when runner-up to Catch Ma at Chester (good to firm) lesset start. Pair Flight: Least of 9 on andt ground on debut, Mid-division last time in 6f mainten at Newmarket. Sure to improve on that at some stage but soft going would be a worry Catch Mar. Received 9th from Woore Lease when besting her 1½ lengths at Chester (7f, good to firm) and now receives just 2th. Has improved again since though Dandy Denoar: Very dosely weighted with Catch Me on Carterick nursery (7f, good) form last time when he won by ½ length. Brown's Flight: Promising third in 6f Goodwood maxien but did not go on as breeding suggested when upped to 7f in an Epsorn maiden lest time. Missing Test: Fair form placed in a maxien and two nurseries, namowly besten when fourth of 7 over 7f at Newmarket lest time. Subsequently gelded Lady Bewarre: Has shown plenty of ablity in 5f recas last two outings, while also shaping as if this step up to 7f will be a major assistance last two outings, while also shaping as if this step up to 7f will be a major assistance last two outings, while also shaping as if this step up to 7f will be a major assistance last two outings, but dam is by stamma influence Bustino). Third of 7 when favourite at Museaburgh (soft) lest time. Codiell: Should stay this tip, so han he looks to getting his set together now Maximus. Another moving up from 5f to 7f (sine is sprinter Maximu

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Speedit floor Well on top eventually in Kampton listed race (im) after trouble in runing, git in 2,000 Guineas and fifth in the St James's Patace. Consistent end acts on soft Bold Edga: Has really come into his own tris euromer, who ing conditions states and second in Jersey States and Newbury fisted race. Acts on soft but big staming doubts Dockstder: Runner-up in two group races last term and again, in German 2000 Guineas, latest start. Both runs so far on a soft surface have been desppointments: Great Dame: Easy womer first two starts 1998, but only 8th of 8 taking big step up in class in Group 2 (fm, good to soft) at Royal Aco. I mid proubly not ideal last time Sily Rocket: Promang as 2 vs. Less so as 3 vs. last of 8 in conditions states but poorly drawn on stiff handlarp debut in Burbury Cup. First try ower soft surface and 1m Soviet Burreau: Scopey coit, best effort to win conditions states here (im, good) by 1½ lengths from Green Card. Tried in top company for both earlier runs on soft surface Spendrift Handlar before winning 7f conditions stakes at Salestony (good to firm) by 1½ lengths from Doomna. Equity Princess: Proven at 1m and on a soft surface, and form claims too following ½-length second to Fitzed in rated stakes at Asect. Fifth in a Newmanted Group 2. VERIDICT: The two to concentrate on are Spindrift and EQUITY PRINCESS. Spindrift. VERIDICT: The two to concentrate on are Spindrift and EQUITY PRINCESS. Sondrift clearly has great potential, but Equity Princess is preferred because of her proven effectiveness under today's conditions.

3	.20	VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES (GROUP 2) BBC1 (A)£75,000 fillies & mares 1m 2f
1	0-0152	ARRIVING (8) (D) (Wyck Hall Stud) J Hills 4 8 1
2	3311-1	ALBORADA (35) (D) (Mas K Reserg) Sr M Precott 8 8 9
8	3-1404	CLOUD CASTLE (57) (Seed Manara) C Britten 3 8 6 J Reid 2 116 white, red seen, red and white striped cap
4	45	DAPHNE'S DOLL (40) (Mrs A Gordon) Miss G Kelevey 3 8 6
5		DIGITALIZE (USA) (24) (C) (S Khaled) H Cecl 8 8 8
8	1	KISSOGRAM (40) (Helens Springfield Lint; L. Cumero 3 B B
7	02122	KITZA (20) (Mrs E M Stockwell) A P O'Brien (m) 5 8 8
8	15-123	MIDNIGHT LINE (57) (C D BF) (Prince Felid Salmen) H Cecil 3 8 5 K Felion 4 112 dark green
8	12	ZANTE (51) (K Abdullah) H Cacil 3 8 8
16-1	Digitaliz	Michight Line, 3-1 Alborada, 4-1 Kitze, 5-1 Klesogram, 6-1 Cloud Castle, 10-1 Zante, a, 33-7 Artiving, 150-1 Daptine's Doll
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Arriving: Marked improvement to win issed race at York (im2l, good) in May and has since proved that that was not a flute. Has to find good deaf more again here though Alborades Stear to 1959 winner of this, Last Second. Progressing in good style, winning irish group race final 2yo start and another (im2l, soft) on her reexpectance. Cloud Castile: Won the Neil Gwyn (good to soft) and strong-finishing fourth in the 1000 Guinese, Below best in the Oales lest time, but few doubts that she stays tim2? Daphne's Dolt: Fourth and fifth in two maidens give her no chance on form Digitalizer: Every excuse (hampered) in Group 2 lest time, but second to Hunters Of Brace at Newcasile (tim, good to soft) bewes something to find. Uncertain stayer (Resograms: By Casteon out of elster to top-class Millgram. 6-1, won maiden (fin, good) at Yarmouth. That we promising and she will stay, but the is another class (Rizer Runner-up in classics last two starts, beaten neck by Tanscon in Irish 1000 Guiness and 7 lengths by Whons in Irish Oales. Acts on soft. Leading contender Midnight Line: Runneray winner of Newmarket Islaed race (tim2). Beaten neck by Bahr in Musiciora Staless at York. (good to soft) and 67/s lengths by Sheltrouch in the Oales Zants: Gutsy winner of meiden at Kempton (fin, good). Looked to be outstayed by Putura in listed race at Newbury (tim2t, soft). Hes to prove class and starma.

VERDICT: Midnight, Line clearly has the ability to win a pattern race this season but she may well and up denied once again here than that of Midnight Line at Epsom.

3.50 VODAFONE STEWARDS' CUP (HAN-

purple, light blue arbarron, light blue cap -0.0334 SYLVA PARADISE (8) (0) (E Girnstead Honda) C Entran 5 8 2 JM Roberts 21 B 111 Diack and red (quartered), red and white halved sieeves, white cap 2-020 DISTINCTIVE DREAM (34) (D) (R Bremner) Lady Hernes 4 8.2 . . G Duffield 24 B 109 dark blue, white diamond, diabolo on sieeves and diamond on cap

- 8 declared
Minimum weight: 7st 10tb. True handicap weight: The Hala 7st 2tb.

SETTING: 7-2 Minnesota, 4-1 First Musical, Calcutta, 9-2 Saalend Rock, 11-2 Swynford Welcome, 8-1 Xsynna, 12-1 Tumara, 25-1 The Hala

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9 declared - 9 declared - 9.1 Heart, 9-2 Heaven Programmer, 6-1 Dushenbe, 7-1 Jorrocks, 8-1 Law Commission, Mister Rambo, 14-1 others 1997: Datum Programmer, 8-2 Law 1997: Datum Programmer,

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First Musical: Winner of last four starts against numerous previous winners. Earlier second to Flandors at Beverley also highlights her chance today with her usual apprentice. Seatend Flocks Outclessed in Listed race at Nowbury after the nurser, win at Lighled Wild to well to confirm earlier form with Xsyrina on tob worse terms. Teameries Self-ground Catherick winner who finished 9th to Bart Albay, at Ronal Associations: Two wins over 71 and resolded every year at they to beat the plater Tampa Lady in a nursery here eight days ago. Return to 8f could count and the promise in a week maiden suction at Redear last Saturday. Stable to be respect in nurseries Calcutte: Won small race when favourite at Ayr after kidding off with third to biggerprised stablemase Sheer Villing in May, Could be on tenient handicap mark Xsyrinar. Had looked moderate until the second to Seafend Rock at Lingfield. Should at least reverse that form with a healthy 16th turnaround.

The Halac Heart shown too much and was over eight lengths behind Minnesota on Southwells sand two outings ago. Now tried in a visor.

VERIDICT: Like her tramer Mel Brittain, First Musical has hit form with a vengeance. VERDICT: Like her trainer Mel Britain, First Musicial has hit form with a vengeance. She goes flat-out from the breek and this nursery tooks within her range. Interestingly, Jay Gee with this last year after a Windsor conditions succuss and First Musicial goes for the same double. There could just be one to beat her, however, in the shape of CALCUTTA, from a yard just getting back among the winners.

4.45 CAFFREY'S IRISH ALE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £4,854 mercon, while steames, mercon cap, white star 0544-0 FORMER LOVE (USA) (15) (C N Weatherty) F R Webber 8 to D Harrison 13 94 black, white hoops, quantered cap certse, dark green cap 10-0000 RON'S PET (24) (George E K Teo) R Hannon 8 13.....

red, fight blue sash, hooped sleeves, quartered cap to 23355R WORTH THE EFFORT (14) (Advising and M Barrett) M Tompkins 8 t2 _ M Henry 1 83

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FORM GUIDE, Waiting Knight: Some promise shown in malders but a big flop when last all three to Spring Fever at Ayr last time Handicapped on early season 2nd to Chartan Honest Bordens: Beaten over a longer tip at Salebury and then no show against older horses here fiven by Mount Holly. Would not seem good enough Krisamber Fifth to Florazi in a winner-producing race at Sandown in April and return to a mile is warrated judged on subsequent showings over 7? Sunetweatc Appreciated the step up to this timp land drop in class) when beating 17 n-vals at Nottingham with Welcome Sunset in fourth Raised 7th in a stronger race Milnette: In-form filty who caused a surpress when holding Plan-B here last month. Sall on a good merk and diching get best all runs when 2nd to London Be Good on Wednesday Milgrate; in not races as a juvenile and took advantage of lenient rating to beat Dentree and the taxounts Shocker at Yarmouth. Leading chance off the 5th higher mark. Former Lower Better for her reappearance outing in a decent race at Newbury. Showed

tree and the tarounte Shocker at Yarmouth. Leading chance off the 5th higher mark. Former Love: Better for he reappearance outing in a decent race as Newbury. Showed promise as a juvenile but possibly not up to this task. Filiate: Third to Yarnabi and Sweet Pee on reappearance and in Listed race next time. Had big weight when unplaced at Salebury less time and has a w. chance. Ron's Pet: Has won just once from 12 starts but closely metched at the weights with Minette on early-according. Better for he tases attempt and could surprise Worth The Effects Refused to race last time but this has locked her top Mangie Powers: Can be lanced but for the absence since May when he had a poor presented at Smallers Mail International Conditions.

Worth The Entoric Refuseo to race last time but this has looked her top Magic Powers: Can be fanced but for the absence since May when he had a poor passage at Sandown. Had looked promising as a juvenile Auld Test: Won a poor race at Lingfield (7f) in June and could struggle over this trip Welcome Sunsets Form tailed off last beckend but little wrong with his seasonal fourth of 16 to Sunsets Form tailed off last beckend but little wrong with his seasonal fourth of 16 to Sunsetnek at Nottingham. Now 5to better with the winner Landman. Won claimer on the all-weather in April. Will be stretched in this company.

VERDICT: Migrate could well improve further after winning her first handcap at Yammouth on her reoppearance, and Minetta is still on a tenient handcap mark, since the course win from hotpot Plan-B. The race is far from being a match and the suggestion at the bigger odds is RON'S PET, who has slaped down the handcap

NEWMARKET HYPERION 3.45 Monsajem

2.10 Robber Red

2.40 West Escape 4.15 First Musical 4.45 Migrate

GOING: Good, STALLS: Far side (except 'm 21 plus - stands side). DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 5t 6 6t.

Right-hand course with I'm straight (July course).

Course is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Carr

ADMISSION: Cub 515; Grandstand & Paddock 511 (16 to 23-year-olds 55); Family Endo-sure 53; CAR PARK: Members 52; remainder free. ELEADING TRAINERS: J LARROP 22: 51 (1937-), a Secretary of the Secretary o

2.10 YE OLDE OAK READY RICE STAKES (CLASS C) 28,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £5,070

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Memphile Dencer: Never recovered from a slow start at Newbury and was short of room on previous start at Chapetow Longer top today should sus! Marradows Deopord susey (severation of eight) after leading at Ayr tast time. Faster ground today but would not seam good enough.

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Metayam Moon: Hes contested three decent maidens with little promise. Still a possibility in this poor race of it a plater's mark. Hastaket rise tooked the type to do better over a longer trip and gets his chance today. Short of room on home turn at Cartisle last time. Cosmic Girt Sire was a sprinter and little promise on three runs to date. Tust Fair showings since the second to Lardy Flocistar at Windsor, winning at Beverley with reguler get apprented. Has first-rate chance 8 staying longer trip. Heart Heighter, Capable of better (first run beyond a mile) now he contests handicap Hoppit: Moderate form including on the all-weather. Goes beyond a mile for first time VERDICT. This mate rate the worst race televised by Channel 4, especially at Newmerket. The exposed types Lord Warrford, Chilo-Jo and Tul should be up there banging away and Flyting Bold is a Newbury winner on a fair mark. Mailayam Moon and HASTATE are less exposed and the lotter wouldn't have to be a world bester over the longer trip to collect.

3.45 H & K COMMISSIONS HANDICAP (CLASS C)

- 8 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Bold Faith, 11-4 Praetorien Gold, 5-1 Mentalel, 13-2 Infatuation, 6-1 Zugudi, 9-1 Mentalel, 10-1 Cybertechnology, 12-1 Rare Talent, 40-1 Kademann. FORM GUIDE

Infatuation: Needs to be held up for late run. Handcap mark has shot up for a Don-caster win lest September but should be spot on after two runs Kadamann: Former high winner who showed little in two races on these shores in 1996. Last seen over hurdles in March Last seen over hurdles in March
Cybertechnology: Kept on strongly to beat Rymer's Rescal at Redcar (7t) and has proven
form at this longer trip. Did nothing on faster ground at York (1m) last time but should
do batter in this type of race
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Zugudi: Played a prominent part when fifth to Veronica Franco et Ascot lest Saturday. Down in distance today and possibly not good enough fillutatiefs traveled well in the visor to win amateurs' race by three lengths over course and distance eight days ago. In stronger race today and 7to higher mark Preetorlain Golds Goodwood and Chepation winner in June and a cracking second to Mr Cahill at Ascot eight days ago. Now takes on older rivists with a fine chance Monsajem: Won for the Godolphin team lest term and ran well in subsequent nurseries. Likely to appreciate this longer tip on first start for Ed Dunlop Beld Faith: Three times a winner at this tips, at Leaester, Newbury and on this course. Only 3th higher for the latest success from Give Me A Ring Rare Taileast. Wins at this trip and terly handicapped on the Chester success from No Citches. Ran below form whan favourite at Windsor last Monday.

VERDICT: Prantorian Gold is sure to go close if reproducing his fine effort against Mr Cahill at Ascot, and Monasjem is interesting at this distance on his first start since leaving Seed bin Surior. But the solid runner is BOLD FAITH, who won over the course and distance test time and getting the weight here on her but for a four-pimer.

nce last time and getting the weight here on her bid for a four-timer.

royal blue, silver striped sleeves, blue and red hooped cap 002 XSYNNA (30) (Chatophe Wight) S C Williams 7 12 ______M Henry 8 105

Anguish of a champion on verge of collapse

IT'S A crying shame for Marco Pantani that this year's Tour de France will be remembered as much for night raids and protest pull-outs as for what should, barring disasters, be a fantastic victory especially as his achievement hinges upon two of the most enthralling days' racing for years. Not for the first time, the hrevity of Channel 4's highlights programme was exposed as ruthlessiy as last year's winner, Jan Ullrich, on his nightmare day in the mountains. As the police swooped throughout the week and the pelotoo began to resemble a Second World War convoy being picked off by U-boats, the C4 team struggled to contain the off-road developmeots as well as all the action in their piddling daily half-bour.

Early on in Monday's crucial stage, won by Pantani to take yellow, Ullrich had been attacked six should all hang together like a



CHRIS MAUME

SPORT ON TV

or seven times by riders who must have sensed his growing vulnerability. All this, though, was perforce dismissed in one sentence by Phil Liggett. Part of the problem, I suspect, is the requirement that it

making a smooth narrative disjointed leads to too many sins of

They should also be more flexible when it comes to Gary Imlach's filmed inserts which kick off the second half of each programme. Monday's for example, concerned the three-times winner, Greg LeMond. who was back for the first time since be retired, leading a group of Americans paying a few thousand dollars to see the Tour with their hero. All mildly interesting, except that the C4 team's intentions of filming the party as they handled a climb came to oothing when the American and his charges took a wrong turning. On a day as exciting as Monday they should surely have dropped the

Still, when they got back to the

pulled away on the stiffest climb of this year's Tour, the 8,500ft Col du Galibier, accelerating up hills as smoothly as most other human beings oo the flat. Ullrich, poor bloke, nunctured at the foot, and when he resumed seemed to have been debilitated by his delay in the spiritsapping rain. "He's going to have to take it like a time trial," said Liggett's co-commentator, Paul Sherwen. No chance. As Pantani powered his way home, the German was done for A particularly cruel edit cut from the Italian to Ullrich and his team-mates, about five minutes behind. It was like going from the Keystone cops to one of

Finally, Ullrich cracked. His team-mates, Bjarne Riis and Udo

those pointless pop videos filmed

entirely in slow-motion.

torbike camera pulled alongside and held Ullrich's profile for what seemed like half an hour. His face, oormally so free and boyish yet focused and self-confident, was scarred with pain - not just the physical agony in his legs and torso. but the anguish of a champion on the verge of collapse. There were bags under his eyes the size of Willie Whitelaw's. He looked 100 years old.

On Tuesday, though, he was back, as though the previous day's wipe-out had been erased from history. On the slopes of the Madeleine, the last big climb of the Tour, he attacked, pulling away like Michael Schumacher leaving, say. Toranosuke Takagi breathing in his exhaust furnes. No one could live with him. Except Pantani, In Ullrich's pink jersey and the Italian'a

took the stage by the throat, Ullrich leading the way. Pantani never more than a few inches behind. There was pain etched oo the German's face again, but this time it was the determined grimace of a man in control. Phil Liggett recalled the great duelling days of Eddie Merckx and Jacques Anquetil: "it's getting personal," he said. "I wonder what he thinks as he sees them coming." Liggett said as the pair

I don't think I've got a ticket for this ride," Liggett suggested.
All the drug coverage meant that Channel 4 was unable to devote any time to telling us a bit about Pantani. Their magazine fills in a few details, though; he rode nearly 4,500 miles in winter training, and

well-made play, even at the risk of losing the essence. The fear of rain and wel-blanket mist, Pantani lowing at him to carry on A mothe second of those as an exercise bp better than the first). Three other snippets stand out: his bandana is his most treasured piece of equipment, his favourite music is the Eagles, the best part of the job for him is all the massage, and the worst part is the stress. Presumably the stress of listening to the Eagles. if he only but knew it. Somebody should bave a word.

The magazine also, incidentally, contains an optimistic foreovertook the lone breakaway man. ward from the Tour director. Stephane Heulot, "'It's the TGV and Jean-Marie Leblanc. "Who will be the chosen champion this year?" be asks. "As long as he is the best, and there are no hitches along the way. that will be enough for us." Oops. By the end, as the peloton limped to Paris, down to around 100 riders. it was almost a hitch too far.

Broncos target St Helens in summit assault

RUGBY LEAGUE

LONDON BRONCOS and Warrington both have St Helens in their sights as Super League comes home this weekend.

Saints, racked by internal problems, are the vulnerable stragglers in the top five and the two chasing clubs who meet at Wilderspool this afternoon plus Sheffield Eagles - must feel that they have a chance of catching them.

turn, but the game against Wigan next week is now his target. Wes Cotton is also injured. so a reshuffle in the backs sees Chris Ryan on the wing and Glen Air at stand-off.

riving from Australia.

"I am so keen to prove myself

Edwards is a huge bonus."

Warrington have a number of injury legacies from their defeat by Castleford in Cardiff, not least Lee Briers' shoulder Neither side should make up ground on Saints tomorrow, as the bottom club, Huddersfield, are the visitors to Knowsley Road.

Saints are without Brett Goldspink, resting what his coach, Shaun McRae, describes as "a chronic ankle in-London would be happier if jury" - something that will be they had Martin Offiah fit to re- of concern to Wigan, who have signed him for next season.

McRae bas also heeo told that he cannot select Bobbie Goulding, suspended by the club for allegedly abusing a team-mate in Swansea. There The Broncos' new forward is ricb irony in that, in view of from South Sydney, Shane Mil- the way McRae has urged the lard, is on the bench after ar- board to take a firmer line with Goulding in the past.

Sean Long and Tommy Marto Tony Currie and the tearn, es- tyn are the half-backs in his abing the way they are," he said. likely to make his first appear- time in Super League this sea-"I have always wanted to play in ance of the season from the son. Marcus St Hilaire, northe English competitioo, but to bench, despite being sent off for mally an impact player from the do so alongside internationals fighting in his comeback match bench, starts at full-back.

like Mark Carroll and Shaun in the A team after recovering from a brokeo arm.

Phil Veivers, caretaker coach at Huddersfield, goes back to a ground where be spent 12 seasons without his best forward, Neil Harmon, who was sold to Bradford this week. Harmon and the Bulls' other new signing, Nathan McAvoy, are in the starting line-up against Sbeffield.

"There will be two disappointed players in the squad. but we needed that competition for spots," said the Bradford coach, Matthew Elliott.

Bradford, could also slip out of the play-off picture, will be without Bernard Dwyer for a month after knee surgery. Simon Knox makes his first start of the season in the second row.

Leeds have Marc Glanville back at Castleford, but Tony Kemp has joined Adrian Morley on the sidelines so Iestyn Harris plays in his favourite stand-off po



Wally Armstrong finds trouble on the first hole at Wentworth yesterday during the second round of the Schroder Senior Masters Peter Jay

forth after 139

SNOOKER

ROBIN HULL, who makes a habit of reserving his best form for the Grand Prix, convincingly booked a place in the fourth qualifying round of the 2370,000 world-ranking event at Plymouth yesterday. The 23-year-old former

world junior champion from Finland highlighted a 5-1 victory over Edinburgh's Craig MacGilivray with a 139 total clearance in the third frame of the contest That puts Hull, who coinci-

dentally fired in a career-best run of t45 during the 1994 Grand Prix. in line to collect a pre-televised highest break bonus of £t.100. Hull now meets Hong

Kong's reigning world amateur champion. Marco Fu. in the fourth round and needs to negotiate two more matches to sccure an appearance at the tournament proper in Preston in October.

Hull sails | Proton pair in hospital

MOTORSPORT

JENNY DAVIES and her co-driver Claire Mole, of the Proton team, were taken to hospital vesterday after being involved in a crash which halted the Stena Line Ulster Rally:

The pair collided with a tree on the second stage of the event, which is the penultimate round of the Mobil 1 British Championship. Neither competitor was believed to be seriously hurt, although Mole was thought to have suffered a back injury.

The second stage was abandoned because of the crash and each competitor was given a notional time before they

headed on to section three. There was some compeosation for Proton in that David Mann, the non-works Persona driver, had set the joint fastest time in the opener with Toyota's Jonny Milner. Their Group N cars had obtained more grip oo the wet roads than the Cbampionship contenders. The twoitre entries were headed by Tapio Laukkanen's Renault.

The Brazilian Flavio Figueiredo is to drive John Cleland's Vauxhall Vectra in this weekend's two rounds of the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship at Thruxton after the Scot pulled out through injury. The twice British Touring Car champion, sixth in the standings this year broke a rib at Snetterton last Sunday and despite pain-killing injections he has had to withdraw from the race.

Cleland said: "I'm bitterly disappointed. I'm sure we could have competed well at Thruxton and scored a lot of points. This is the first time in 10 years I've missed a Touring Car race. It's never happened before and it feels very strange."

Figueiredo, one of the leading Vauxhall Vectra Challenge drivers, said: "It is a very good chance for me to show what I can do in a Touring Car."

Rose's mark matched by talent of Gossett

ZIMBABWE'S NICK Price issued a warning to his rivals after recovering from a firstbole bogey to tie the Americans Paul Azinger and Russ Cochran for the lead after the opening round at the FedEx St.

Jude Classic on Thursday. Price hooked his tee shot into the water at the first bole, but that was his only blemish as he compiled a six-under-par 65 in steamy conditions at the Southwind TPC. The highlight of his round was an eagle at the par-five 16th, where be hit a three-wood to three feet.

Price, Azinger and Cochran were one stroke ahead of Donnie Hammond. Scott Hoch, Mark Carnevale and the 19year-old amateur David Gossett, who matched Justin Rose for the lowest round by an amateur on the PGA Tour this

Azinger's score owed more credit to accurate approach shots than to a hot putter. He

made five birdies and an earle, club in Essex, was never ahead but only sank two putts from

outside five feet. Gossett, meanwhile, revealed his rich talent with five Sudbury. birdies in the first nine boles on his home course. He got to six under with a birdie at the 16th, before making his only bogey of the day at the 17th, where be sank an eight-footer to avoid dropping two strokes.

The American Junior Golf Association Player of the Year. he has just graduated from nearby Germantown High School and has accepted a golf scholarship at the University of Texas.

He nearly qualified for the past two US Opens, missing by one stroke each time in sectional qualifying.
The England internation-

als Brett Taylor and Ben Mason both crashed out of the English Amateur Championship to leave the semi-finals a seed-free zooe at Woodhall Spa yesterday.

Taylor, from the Thorpe Hall

in his match against Simon Peter Gorry, an 18-year-old Middlesex county player from

Gorry was two up at the turn and then went three up with a birdie at the par-five 14th and that was sufficient to see him to a three and two success. In the first of the semi-finals

Gorry will meet Neil Ridewood from Orsett in Essex, who finished his match in style by boling a tricky birdie putt at the 17th for a two and one win over Newcastle's David Errington. Mason, from Sand Moor in

Leeds. was bundled out five and four by Manchester's Roger Smithies, who was two up after eight holes and then took the next three in succession as well.

The last semi-final place was booked by Bristol's Mark Sanders, who overcame former England junior star Chris Roake from Gerrards Cross three and two.

Butler prepared to serve up success

THE GREAT Britain and Ireland winners by a convincing 11-6 captain. Ita Butler, believes a margin and three players from strong team spirit could prove that team are in this year's linecrucial to her team's chances up: Elaine Ratcliffe and Karen of beating America and retain-Stupples who are both 25, and ing the biggest prize in amateur Alison Rose who at 30 is the se-

women's golf - the Curtis Cup in Minneapolis this weekend. The British and Irish side have won the event only six times since its inception in 1932, although they have dominated affairs over recent years. baving won four shared one and lost just once since 1986.

Butler's team have been in Spain over recent weeks to get to know each other and to become familiar with the fast greens they will encounter in America. Butler feels the trip has been beneficial and is confident of her players' abilibes.

"I won't predict the outcome but I will say that if anyone makes a slip on the course they will pay the price," she said. "We have an excellent team spirit. The girls love the course and are playing well, so we will tackle the match as well prepared as we can possibly be." At the last tournament in Kil-

larney, the bome team were

Brown - both 24 years old - Rebecca Hudson, who at 19 is the youngest in the side, Scotland's Hilary Monaghan and Becky Morgan from Wales. The holders are a youthful side compared to the Americans,

nior member of the team

Making debut appearances

are Kim Rostron from

Clitheroe and Hoylake's Fiona

who have in their team the 49year-old Carole Semple Thompson, who is making a record 10th appearance since 1974. Ratcliffe and Stupples will be

making their last appearances at the amateur event as they have announced their plans to turn professional in a fortnight's time.

Ratcliffe of the Sandyway Club in Cheshire and Stupple from Royal Cinque Ports in Kent intend to stay in America to compete in the US Amateur Championship at Barton Hills before moving into the paid ranks.

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Courtenay will stay

SHEFFIELD STEELERS yesterday clinched the eleventhbour signing of Ed Courtenay, with the Canadian star signing a new two-year deal after having originally said his goodbyes to the club two weeks ago.

Courtenay looked set to return to his former club South Carolina Stingrays in the East Coast Hockey League. swayed by the offer of a green card which would have guaranteed him future employment in the United States at the end of his contract.

But Steelers' Sekonda Superleague rivals Cardiff Devils. upon hearing of Courtenay's decision to leave Sheffield, decided to try and tempt the forward with a lucrative offer of

manager, Dave Simms, refused to let the Devils woo last season's leading scorer away from the club and decided to make a renewed offer.

This is fantastic news for Sheffield, I think Ed looked at the package we are trying to put together at the club this season and so chose to return," Simms said. "We've got Ken Priestlay coming back and having signed the likes of Derek Laxdal, Ed's signing now completes the final piece of our player jigsaw." Newcastle Riverkings have

bolstered their squad with the addition of playmaker Eric Royal. The Newcastle coach, Alex Dampier, will be hoping Royal can recreate the partnership he enjoyed with the Riverkings' Rob Trumbley when the pair played for Wheeling in However, the Steelers team the East Coast Hockey League.

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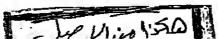
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Black set for final flourish in Sheffield

ATHLETICS

BY ADAM SZRETER

WITH MICHAEL Johnson declining an invitation to appear and the malaria-stricken Wilson Kipketer also absent, the boost that British athletics was looking for arrived right on cue this week when Roger Black announced that tomorrow's British Grand Prix in Sheffield would be his farewell appearance, guaranteeing an attentance far in excess of what the urganiser, Fast Track, could have dared to hope for.

But Alan Pascoe's outfit, while privately pleased with this short-term shot in the arm, will doubtless he among the first to admit that the controversial circumstances surrounding Black's premature retirement could just as easily turn out to be a long-term shot in the foot. The sport in this country needs all the goodwill it can generate and the selectors might have been forgiven for bending over backwards to accommodate the desires of the public to include such a popu-

But by excluding Black from he individual 400 metres at this year's European Championships the selectors have risked tarnishing the sport's image at a time when, we are told, image is everything.

The task of rebuilding that image continues at the Don Valley Stadium tomorrow, where we are promised by the organisers that: "with the use of music, a huge video screen will be the most entertaining meeting ever staged in this country".

Similar efforts were made at Gateshead earlier in the season but atrocious weather spoiled that attempt, so it is to be hoped this time that at least they are

Black's 400m race is the final event of the evening and he faces Mark Richardson and Iwan Thomas but not Solomon Wariso, who injured himself in beating Black to third spot at the AAA trials last weekend.

ently due to lack of form rather than money - he allegedly turned down \$100,000 to compete in Paris on Wednesday in favour of returning to train in Texas.

Highlights before that into the javelin gold medal at last year's World Championships.

A couple of interesting 3,000m races see Kenya's Paul Tergat, four times world crosscountry champion, head a strong African representation in the men's event while Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan and Britain's Paula Radcliffe renew their rivalry in the women's race and Svetlana Masterkova. a double Olympic champion in Atlanta, re-emerges after a quiet year to attempt a world

record in the women's mile. Given the constraints of its and new presentation tech-niques the British Grand Prix British Grand Prix is no longer among the élite in European terms. Fast Track has done well to come up with the names it has. But tomorrow the focus will be on Roger Black perhaps for the last time, but



given the chance to shine. Johnson's absence is appar-

clude Colin Jackson taking on the three Americans who beat him over the high hurdles at the Goodwill Games last week winner Mark Crear, Olympic champion Allen Johnson and Reggie Torrian, the fastest in the world this year. Jonathan Edwards confronts the delightfully named American La Mark Carter in the triple jump, while Steve Backley will be aiming for a measure of revenge over South Africa's Marius Corbett, who beat Backley

you never know.



Carl Myerscough, the British shot putt hope, moves into the final at the World Junior Championships in Annecy, France, vesterday

Chirchir bursts on to world stage

BY STEVEN DOWNES in Annecy

STEVE OVETT, the 1980 Olympic 800 metres champion who once opined that the decathlon was nine "Mickey Mouse" events followed by one proper race, last night sat back and admired the talents of yet another prodigious Kenyan distance runner. William Chirchir, who last year won the Kenya Schools' decathlon, duly took the 800m title at the World Junior Championships here in 1min 47.23sec, prompting Ovett to joke: "I always thought the decathlon would produce a decent distance

Chirchir, 19, took gold from his compatriot, Wilfred Bungei, matching the Kenyan one-two in into the championships having

runner one day."

the previous day's 10,000m final. never before broken 47sec, but hour to spare, and in the final, Behind them in sixth place best times in the heat and was Britain's Chris Moss. But semi-finals carried him into Moss - like the Ugandan and the final, where he finished two other Europeans against seventh. While Wilson arrived in good whom he battled down the

time for his events, the 400m

gold medallist, Nduka Awazie,

petition dragged Moss through of Nigeria, nearly missed the to a game personal best of very first round of his event on the first morning of the cham-At least Olga Mikayeva of Russia showed that Kenyan pionships. Because of a mix-up with the organisation, Awazie only distance runners are not enlanded at Geneva airport -

tirely unbeatable, outsprinting her African rivals to take the women's 800m title in a in his first-round heat. Waved time of 2:05.34. In the next men's final, the though Swiss customs, a fast car drove along the Alpine 400m, Moss's Blackheath clubroads with the 17-year-old mate, Alloy Wilson, also surchanging into his running gear passed his lifetime best, clocking 46.64. Wilson came in the back seat.

left his run for gold similarly late, dipping at the line to deny Australia's Casey Vincent by the alenderest margin of 0.01sec. But then, without such episodes, the charm and innofinal place. cence of these junior championships would have been

Britain's 200m sprint medal hopes, Christian Malcolm and Sarah Wilhelmy, both negotiated their two qualifying rounds yesterday with the minimum of 60km from Annecy - one hour fuss and bother Malcolm in par-before he was scheduled to run ticular, already the 100m chamfuss and bother. Malcolm in parpion here, looked in double-quick form, running a personal best 20.73 in the first round.

A medal, perhaps even the gold, is within the span of Carl He arrived with quarter of an Myerscough in the shot putt

ing qualifier yesterday morning his efforts were limited to a single 18.05m putt, more than a metre further than the distance required to guarantee a

Not since the days of Geoff Capes in the 1970s has Britain produced a shot putter of such imposing ability or, indeed, size: he is 6ft 10in tall, weighs 23st, competes in size 16 trainers and has been plaguing even the most sanguine of the French chefs at the team hotel with his demands for six meals every day.

Born on Trafalgar Day 19 years ago, Myerscough is able to rocket the 16th camonball through the opposition as surely as Nelson ever did. Today. England expects.

Quotes of the week

We were treated like animals, like criminals. Dutch Tour de France cyclist Joroen Blijlevens, on his hotel being raided by police searching for

drugs.
With TVM, it is the head that is to blame, not the legs.' Odile Madrolle, a French magistrate dealing with investigations into the Dutch team's alleged offences.

'Doping now is everything that, firstly, is barmful to an athlete's health and, secondly. artificially augments his performance. If it's just the second case, for me that's not doping. If it's the first case, it is.' Juan Antonio Simoranch, the president of the International Olympic

Committee. 'You don't think about personal milestones at such moments.' Mike Atherton shrugs off being left two short of n century when England beat South Africa in the fourth Test. I could have been a grumpy old man in 18 months if I hadn't achieved my goal.'

Graham Henry explains why he's taken charge of the Welsh rugby union side rather than waiting to coach his native

New Zealand. He didn't train with us today and apparently his dinner would have been thrown in the bin if he had not made it home by

1pm.' Aston Villa manager John Gregory takes n caustic approach to David Unsworth's

change of mind. 'I don't understand wives getting involved. They should concentrate on looking after the kids and the honse. Harry Redknapp, the West Ham

manager who let Unsworth go to Villa. takes an old-fashioned view about the role of women in society.

*Petchev decides to retire

THE BRITISH Davis Cup player Mark Petchey is retiring from full-time tennis. The 28farewell appearance in the Challenger tournament at Newcastle last week, Petchev. who reached a career-high world ranking of 80 in 1994, is to become a commentator for Eurosport.

As a junior be won four singles and eight national doubles titles before turning professional in 1987. He became a member of the British Davis Cup squad and in 1991 helped Britain regain their place in the World Group when he beat Thomas Muster in

the defeat of Austria in Manchester. The same year he won the Christchurch Challenger in New Zealand, but it was not until 1994 that be broke into the year-old from Essex made a world top 100, with Michael Stich and Michael Chang

> He reached three quarter-finals and two semi-finals in ATP Tour events while, at Wimblemen's singles last year.

> not bave changed anything I have done in the last 10 years. Now I'm looking forward to

Pat Rafter, the No 1 seed, survived a tricky match with Martin Damm yesterday to reach today's quarter-finals of the among his victims.

don, he was a quarter-finalist in the mixed doubles in 1995 and reached the third round of the Petchey said: "I have had a great time in tennis and I would

Mercedes Cup in Los Angeles. Rafter, who defends his US Open title next month, said the knee amblem that had bothered him during the French Open and Wimbledon, seemed to have been conquered as he overcame Damm 6-3, 5-7, 6-1. He took two and a half weeks off before this event, and

said that would be his last break of the season as he prepares to defend his first Grand Slam title. He was encouraged by his victory against Damm, which took one hour and 41

Rafter's compatriot Sandon Stolle, a fucky loser who replaced the injured Thomas Enqvist in the main draw, beat another Australian, Andrew Ilie, 6-3, 7-6. Stolle will now face the fifth-seeded American Andre Agassi who beat Jan-Michael Gambill 6-4, 6-4. Agassi had previously been

home straight - was only ever

racing for bronze. Such com-

beaten by the fast-rising American youngster with movie star looks. But this time be maintained the recent improvement in his form with a sharp display against the hard-hitting Gambill Afterwards, he said: "You don't want to lose to someone two times in a row. It's nice to go out and play

Danger of split recedes for uneasy elite clubs

HOCKEY

BY BILL COLWILL

THE CHANCE of the elite clubs breaking away to form their own national league has receded following meetings this week between England's director of performance. Chris Spice, and the managers and coaches of the Premier League clubs. Nevertheless, there is still considerable unrest about the way the league restructuring has been handled.

The proposed changes concerned the reduction in the size of the league - 32 teams in

two divisions of 10 and 12 in the essential to success. Clubs bottom division - and the argued that the reduction in the method for deciding the league championship and the entry into the European club championship - a play-off rather than first past the post, together with a number of games being played at the national centre at Milton Keynes. Additionally clubs were told that from the 2000-01 season all Premier League games must be played

The proposals, aimed at improving the quality of domestic hockey and hence the national squad's performances, were considered by Spice to be

on water-based pitches.

size of the leagues would reduce revenue and that abandoning the first-past-the-post

principle would be detrimental. In spite of these proposals being rejected at the annual meeting of the National League clubs the English Hockey Association decided to press ahead with the major restructuring which the clubs felt to be unnecessary and being enforced undemocratically. Matters were not improved when Spice made a statement that if the clubs did not agree to his proposals he

tery funding to do it. A climbdown is unlikely although moving a number of games to Milton Keynes appears to have been put on the backburner. Indeed, one official welcomed the proposals providing the EHA can achieve the 220m funding now being sought from the National Lottery to fund regional hockey academies and another 20 water-based pitches.

The threatened revolt may be over for the present, partic ularly if the Lottery funding materialises and there is international success. If not, the unrest may fester.

would withdraw the top 30 play-WEEKEND FIXTURE GUIDE

TODAY

FOOTBALL

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owdenbeath v Livingston Dumbarton v Alio1 Control of South v Inverness Caledonian Queen's Park v Ayr
Ross County v Monorose
Srenhousemur v East Stirling.....

Newcastie v Benfica (1.30); Middles-brough v Empoli (4.0). PORTSMOUTH CENTENARY TOUR-NAMENT (at Portsmouth): Portsmouth v Genoa (1.0); Wimbledon v Sochaux (3.30).

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PRISENDLY MATCHES: Ashton United v Lancaster: Aylesbury v Numeaton: Baldock v Barton Rosers (4,15); Bartisley v Itanimere (ar Preston FC); Bertsbursted v Harrow Borough; Sirmingham v Sheff Wed. Blackpool v Bolton; Sradford v Halias, Bradford Park Avenue v Morecambe; Bradport v Famborough (12 0). Cambridge v Watford, Carshaffor v Inter Cable-lef. Chelmsford v Kings Lym., Offonnille v Derry Gry, Congleton Iovin v Altrincham, Crawley Rom v Bironford, Doner v Crystal Polace Xt. Drogheda Utd v Dagenham & Redbridge: Droylsden v Oldham V, Dunston FB v Dörlington, Enfield v Barnet: Gloucester City v Coventry, Hendon v Hayes: Heybridge v Wiest Ham; Hatchin v Luron; Inishoweti Sel v Finn Haspis; kingstonian v Leyton Orient (12 30: Leigh RMIV shury Xt. Lincoln City Port Vale: Linfield v Dundalik; Millwall v Crystal Palace. Northwood v Walton & Hersham; Oldham v Stockport (2,0); Preston v Mon City, OPR v Tottenham; Rochadae v Burriey; Rotherham v Burry; Selby Town v Ediseier; Shiewsbury v Northampton. Stevenage v Bristol Rovers; Swindon v Leicester: Weakfstone v Boreham Wood: NOLY MATCHES: Ashton United y

Whichy Town v Hardepool, Winsford Utd v Chester: Wycombe v Charlton: Bristol Cry v Southampton: Huddersfield v Derby, Cam-bridge Crty v Birmingham XI: Evesham Utd v Tamworth: Halesowen v Hednesford

SPEEDWAY INTERNATIONAL Second Test: England v Australia (7 30) (at Eastbourne). LEAGUE: Stoke v Arena Es-

OTHER SPORTS GOLF: English Amateur Championiship (Woodhall Spa): Schroder Senior Maskers (Wentworth). MOTOR CYCLING: World Super Bike Championiship (Brands Hatch). RUGBY URBON: Llandovery v Ivory Coast (2.30); Llanelli v Munister (2.30); Llanerisant v Newbridge (2.30).

TOMORROW

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Bradford v Sheffleld (6.0)

Casdeford v Leeds (3.30)

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Warrington v London (6.35)

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Swinton v Hunsler (3.30); Wakefield v Ketgitev (3.30), Whitehaven v Rochdale;
Widnes v Hull IRR

SECONIL DIVISION: Barron v Lancashire Lyrox Doncaster v Bramley, Oldham v Workington; York v Batley.

SPEEDWAY ENTERNATIONAL Third Test: England v Australia (3.30) (or King's Lyrm). PREMIER LEAGUE: Glasgow v Arena Es-sex (6.30).

OTHER SPORTS ATHLETICS: Bright Grand Prox (Shelfield), GOLF: English Amateur Championship (Woodhall Spa); Schroder Senior Master) MOTOR CYCLING: World Super Championship (Records Manual)

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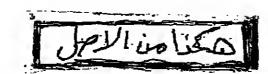
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Selectors to keep faith with England BY DEREK PRINGLE has probably less to 40 with

THE ENGLAND selectors, at last able to bask in some late summer glory, look certain to announce an unchanged 12 for the final Test against South Africa at Headingley next Thursday. With the series tantalisingly poised at I-1, England know they have the team and the momentum to win a series that only a month ago looked beyond them.

The optimistic mood has also manifested itself in ticket sales. After a slow start, interest has reached the point where there are few tickets left for the Friday and Saturday, traditionally the hest

England's inconsistency than the alcohol ban placed on the Western Terrace by the Headingley authorities and Yorkshire police.

A perennially rowdy part of the ground, the specific ban on the Western Terrace - spectators in other areas will be allowed to bring in four cans per head - is more likely to incense than control. Although umpopular, bans on alcohol should be total and this one is needlessly

Aside from the petulant com-ments of Chris Lewis, this has been a good week for English cricket. First, Alec Stewart and his men showed they had it in them to win If the public has any misgivings the tough sessions to beat South about going to watch live cricket, it Africa. Then the counties, disreagreed to rest some of the weary warriors who had accomplished it.

This kind of co-operation between the counties and the selectors – who will also announce an English Counties side to play South Africa in a one-day match before the Triangular tournament - has long been seen as a necessity to furthering England's cause on the pitch. A goodwill gesture at present, such assistance from the counties would surely dry up under a two-divisional system, unless Test players were contracted centrally to the Eng-

So far refusals to rest players by the counties have been negligible, though it has mainly been batsmen rather than bowlers (not something

land and Wales Cricket Board.

sain are the batsmen to have been given the "excuse" note. Both are deserving cases after playing long innings under great pressure, efforts which would have left them mentally

as well as physically drained. The pair also suffer from had backs: Atherton's is a long standing problem, while Hussain's is a recently diagnosed stress fracture, possibly a legacy from his days as a leg-spinner. Both complaints will benefit from a few days' rest.

Angus Fraser, the other vital cog in England's win at Trent Bridge, is also putting his feet up. Fraser the tall seamer will surely be grate-

apart from the fact that he looked like taking wickets, was the profligacy of Ian Salisbury, back in the Test side with a remodelled action.

Clearly nervous, Salisbury was exposed by Hansie Cronje, who cleverly never allowed him to settle. In some ways Cronje's actions were probably a sign that South Africa rate Salisbury who, despite improvements for Surrey this season, was done few favours by the wellgrassed nature of the pitch.

In the meantime, Salisbury should be persevered with, though Headingley's traditional seamerbowled 54 overs at Trent Bridge and friendly surface may mean that Alan Mullally may finally reap the re-

Headingley. Not long ago it was the norm, and only the fact that this Test is in August, not June, will make the selectors pause for thought.
In any case, with both Mark Ram-

prakash and Graham Hick able to bowl decent spells of off-spin, an attack of four front-line seamers plus Andrew Flintoff is not out of the question. As always, much will depend on the pitch and weather forecast nearer the time.

A big, burly young man, Flintoff, enjoyed a happy debut. Apart from the excitement of a first Test win, the Lancashire player did not look out of place. Indeed, if he can bring some of the discipline extant in his bowl-

intended when it was first mooted) full that Middlesex have given him the who have tended to benefit most. Michael Atherton and Nasser Hustine reasons Fraser bowled so much, sain are the batsmen to have been apart from the fact that he looked like wards of his steady improvement this season. A four-pronged seam at tack is not out of the question at the deep end may yet reach wave the deep end may yet reach wave

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The fearlessness of youth is something Hick only ever felt prior to his England career, which was given another chance to flourish at Trent Bridge. In good form for his Trent Bridge. In good form for his county, Hick's comeback knock was brief, as be bottom-edged an attempted pull shot on to his stumps. An unfortunate dismissal in any-

one's book, Hick was nevertheless treated to a vicious, personal and wholly unjustified attack in a popular Sunday paper. Providing he is picked, there will never be a better time or place than Headingley next week for Hick to make his reply.

Smith hits reminder of good old days

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN at Southampton

Hampshire v Durham

EVEN GRAHAM Gooch was moved to congratulate Robin Smith on his stunning bundred, "Not a bad knock," the England selector managed. "It's going to cost Hampshire a fortune in picket boards." The former England captain, who was on the ground as much in his capacity of batting consultant to Durham as anything else, was referring to the venom and power of the 24 fours which thudded inces-

It was only Smith's second century of a season in which he has either been hampered by injury or by the weather. But yesterday nothing could stop bowlers or fielders. For some Hampshire old-stagers it was his best innings since his hundred against the Australians in 1993. Smith was not so certain if it was his best knock, all he would say after his brisk 126ball effort was: "I was delight-

ed with the way I played. "I particularly enjoyed playing like that in front of Goochie. I was totally inspired by the fact that he was here. I bave enormous respect for him as a player and as a friend."

Smith made it clear out in the middle, then afterwards, point and established a 193-run that he has not given up hope first-innings lead over Durham.

of an England return - his last appearance was in January 1996 against South Africa in Cape Town - but on the evidence of this, his 55th First Class hundred, be has lost none of his faculties in that intervening period. And he does have 4,236 Test runs at an av-

If Durham tended to bowl a little too short at him all the better, it allowed Smith room to batter the boards off the back foot. He was equally punishing on the front foot, though, and hit some exquisite drives back past the bowler. He reached three figures off just 87 balls, santly against the hoardings in . having hooked a six off Paul Smith's flawless innings of 134. Collingwood and hit 18 of his fours on the way to the mark.

Surprisingly, given his tally of centuries, it was his first against Durham. He now only needs a hundred against Midthe two sides meet here at the end of this month.

Smith was given admirable support by the in-form wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes, whose First Class average is 52. He passed fifty again and in the process shared in a fifth wicket stand of 159 with Smith in a mere 34 overs. Smith and Aymes were both caught behind by Martin Speight, two of a clutch of victims for the Sussex man. Hampshire hammered bome their advantage by collecting a fourth batting bonus



Amiable Bates lacks Saglain's bite

BY HENRY BLOFELD

Sussex 125 & 59-4 Surrey 364

SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ and Justin Bates both bowl off-breaks and both toiled away from the Pavilion End; there are no other similarities. Bates took 5 for 100 in 36 overs while Saglain bad 7 for 30 in 19.2 overs on Thursday, but, without Bates, Sussex would not have restricted Surrey's lead to 239 even though it will be more than enough for them.

-spiriner in the world, Baies turning pitch without being able to take real advantage of it. His control is not good enough and his sting not sharp

enough to cause good bats-

men more than a passing prob-

lem or two. This may all seem an overstatement of the glaringly obvious and mildly unkind, but it played like potential champions is not often one gets the chance

While Saglain is the best willing learner. The best thing place, 51 points behind Surrey. ball from Mark Robinson which I rani with the total on 62. Bates can have done in this is an amiable exponent of the match is to have watched every done wonderfully well to regentle art who was helped by a ball Saqlain has bowled and then to have cornered him in the bar for a chat.

If he has learned from Saglain. Sussex's journey to hope for they have this summer the Oval will not have been wasted. While Saqlain has been the main difference between the two sides, he has not been while Sussex have looked forto compare a world champion tunate to bave started this with a young, enthusiastic and round of matches in seventh

For all that Sussex have group as they have this season. For a time, they rose to second place and although a position in mid-table is the best they can established a satisfactory

springboard for the future. The second day's play went according to the script. It began with an array of strokes from Alec Stewart although the was lbw trying to work to leg a still 180 behind.

kept low. He did so again late when Alistair Brown was 94 and drove Bates to short mid-on.

At one point, Surrey were 193-6 before Brown and Martin Bicknell added 115 for the sixth wicket and Saglain showed that be can also bat better than

Bicknell then took the first two Sussex second innings wickets before Saglain had the two left-handers, Toby Peirce prompter missed his cue when and Michael Bevan caught at Stewart had reached 96 and slip and, at 59 for 4, Sussex are

Cullinan exploits

escape

DARYLL CULLINAN, dropped on nought, tuned up nicely for Thursday's crucial Headingley Test with an an impressive innings of 157 against Essex at Chelmsford yesterday.

The South African drove at his seventh ball from Neil Williams but Paul Grayson, Essex's stand-in captain, put down a knee-high catch at second slip.

Cullinan then proceeded to punish the Essex attack of seam and spin. That added to Grayson's misery as he decided to insert the tourists after winning the toss. Cullinan, who reached his

century off 171 balls, was the major player in a stand of 217 in 56 overs with Gerry Liebenberg, who made 96 to show some timely form before the decisive fifth Test.

It took Liebenberg's aggregate against the counties to 569 for an average of 71, a tour mark brought down to 50 by his disappointing Test form.

Liebenberg departed after four hours, sweeping at Grayson with Tim Hodgson taking the catch off the top edge at backward square leg. South Africa's only other

loss was Gary Kirsten - for 43 from 48 balls - who had his off stump removed by Ronnie Cullman was dismissed

when he was trapped leg before by Mark Hott after tea for 157 as the South African declared on 406 for 5. The Essex openers Darren

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Robinson and Ian Flanagan survived four overs before close to reach 13 without loss.

Northamptonshire have been drawn at bome against Sussex in the semi-finals of the Aon Trophy. Their tie will be played on 17 August while Gloucestershire go to Derbyshire the following day.

Kent struggle as Cork finds a perfect mix

BY MIKE CAREY

BATTING MAY have been problematical at times here yester-day, but it was never as difficult as Kent made it appear. The way they dissipated a good start suggested a side lacking form and confidence and Derbyshire followed up a disciplined bowling performance by nudging towards a first innings lead with three wickets down.

Steve Marsh, the Kent captain, obviously had no qualms about batting first on a pitch that had been under wraps the previous day. It was firm and dry, though and there was no hint of the pitfalls ahead when David Fulton and Ed Smith put on a free-wheeling 70 together. At that stage much of the

bowling was either too short or too full. Both openers made the most of it but the game changed when Dominic Cork, switching his bowlers around. hit upon the right combination in Phil DeFreitas and the leftarm Kevin Dean, each benefiting from the cross breeze.

Dean, aged 22, was playing league cricket until three years ago but, with his ability to bring the ball back into the righthander, has probably been the revelation of Derbyshire's season. Moreover, his medium pace was perfectly suited to this pitch and in 12 deliveries be took three wickets for five runs. passed three figures.

to slip. Then Smith was palpably lbw playing across a full-length inswinger, all of which triggered off a series of misadventures by the Kent middle-order Nigel Llong, making his first appearance of the season, was also leg-before, somewhat surprisingly padding up to an inswinger. The bowler was DeFreitas, who then opened up Mark Ealham to have him caught at slip. When Carl Hooper was caught down the leg side as be tried to whip Dean through midwicket, it was a bonus for Derbyshire but it meant no way back for Kent.

It got worse for Kentas Julian Thompson had to go off for stitches in his chin and a probable visit to the dentist after ducking into a ball from Cork, who bowled well but emerged wicketless; you might say that he did not quite enjoy the luck he experienced at Trent Bridge.

and bowl later. By then, although the sun had appeared and the ball probably moved around less, both Michael Siater and Michael May needed their share of good fortune in an opening partnership of 79. Ealham, with his changes of pace, eventually got them both

but Kim Barnett and Robin

Western dug in as the total

Fulton and Trevor Ward to edge DERBYSHULE -- First Inches M J Slater c Marsh b Eatham... K.) Barnett & Marsh b Headley Fall: 1-44, 2-79, 3-121. itas, G M Roberts, K J Dean. tres: T E Jesty and D R Shepherd.

Thompson, though probably shaken, was able to return

Britannic Assurance County Championship Derbyshire v Kent DERBY (Day 2 of 4): Derbyshire (Apts) are trailing Ken (1) by 37 runs with seven first-lanings wickers in hand KENT - First business

E T Smith low b Dean ... M V Fleming c Roberts b DeFreitas 26 0 Pall: 1-70, 2-70, 3-85, 4-90, 5-100, 6-104, 7-111, 8-154, riling: O G Cork 10-2-39-0, P A J Defreitas 18.2-3-55-5.

To bet: V P Clarke, "O G Cork, 1K M Krikken, P A J DeFre-Bowling: M J McCagoe 5-1-16-0. D W Headley 10-0-28-1. M V Fleming 12-3-36-0. M A Eatham 11-3-28-2, C L Hooper 1-0-2-0, J 8 Thompson 3.1-1-13-0.

Hampshire v Durbam

DURHAM -- First Innings 203 (Morris 4-30) HAMPSHIRE - First fanings Oversight 47-1

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Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Day 2 of 4): Leicesters scored 218 for 7 against Lancashire (3) M Watkinson 4-0-16-0. Umptres: G I Burgess and P Willey.

Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire TRENT BRIDGE (Day 2 of 4): Notes (Apts) are trailing Northents (3) by 304 runs with all first-innings wick ets in hand.

J P Taylor c Welton b Strang....... M B Loye c Johnson b Dowman 'K M Curran c Strang b Tolley A L Penberthy b Strang...... O J G Sales c Strang b Evans..... J F Brown c Archer b Strang Extras (63 nb22)

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SCOREBOARD

Total (for 7, 47.1 overs) _____134 Fall: 1-58, 2-58, 3-77, 4-87, 5-90, 6-96, 7-125.

Patts 1-30, 2-30, 3-17, 1-30, 3-30, 1-30, 1-30, 2-30, 2-30, 2-30, 3-30, brook 3-2-1-1. Umpires: 8 Dudlestone and J F Steele. Surrey v Sussex

THE FOSTER'S OVAL (Day 2 of 4): Sessen (4 pts) artrailing Surrey (8 pts) by 186 runs with eight second lunings wickets in hand. SUSSEX - First landings 125 (Peirce 54, Mushtaq 7-30) First incings Coutd

A J Stewart Ibw b Robinson ,... "A J Holitoake c and b Bates ... A 0 Brown c Lewry b Bates 0
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U N Batty c Bevan b Bates 10
M P Bicknell b Kirdey 35
0 O K Safisbury low b Bates 8
0 Saqlain Mushtaq low b Lewry 40
8 0

M T E Peirce not out... C J Adams not out...... Extras (101 w2 nb2) Kirdey, J D Lewry, M A Robinson.

Bounding: M P Bicknell 7-3-13-2, B C Hollicake 3-1-11-0,

Saqiam Mushtaq 9-3-16-0, A J Hollicake 5-5-3-12-0.

Umphres: J C Balderstone and R Julian.

Marwickshire v Glamorgan EDGBASTON (Day 2 of 4): Warmickshire (4 pts) are trailing Gamorgan (3 pts) by 255 rons with nine first-lonings wickets in hand. Warwachshire won toss SLAMORGAN — First Innings Overalght 159-4 (James 53). First innings Contd

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To batt *8 C Lara, T Frost, tK J Piper, G Welch, A F Glies, N M K Smith, T A Munton, E 5 H Gridins. **Vodafone Chailenge Series** Essex v South Africa CHELMSFORD (Day 1 of 3): South Africa have scored 389 for 5 against Edges. SOUTH AFRICA - First lunings Rain 11-2-34-1, D.G. Wilson 13-2-36-1, P.M. SULTER O. A.P. Grayson 14-1-60-1, A.J.E. Hibbert 5-1-19-0, Umplices: O.J. Constant and M.J. Haryis. Middlesex v Sri Lanka

En Lanka won ross MIDDLESEX — First Innings

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BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (Third day of four): Derby: Derbyshire v Kent. Southampton: Hampshire v Ourham, Old Trafford: Lancashire v Letestershire. Treat Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire. Worcesters Worcestershire v Yorkshire. The Faire v Bridge: Surrey v Sussex. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan.

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Celtic fly flag for new league

The new-style Scottish Premiership starts today with the accent firmly on youth. By David McKinney

FOR THE first time in a decade the league flag will be unfurled at Celtic Park today. However, aver the briefest of pauses to reflect and bask in the glory of last season's achievement those connected with Celtic will turn their attentions to the forthcoming campaign. The future of Scottish football lies in the new Premiership. with its accent on youth, the winter break and Sunday night football.

As a new regime kicks off, the continuing fragmentation of the action will be apparent immediately, as Celtic open against Dunfermline hut then have to wait until tomorrow to assess the strengths and weaknesses of Hearts and Rangers, who are expected to be their sin rivals for the title.

Today's match represents a first opportunity for Dr Jozef Venglos, the new Celtic coach, to pit his wits against Scottish opponents following the European ties with St Patrick's of Ireland. He will know (someone will have told him by now) that Dunfermline won 2-1 at Celtic Park at this stage last season. Celtic came back to win the league after losing their first two games and will inevitably look for a better start this time.

"I believe in the players and the organisation of this club," Venglos said. "Hopefully we'll take a positive attitude into the game with the flag being presented."

Celtic will be without their Danish duo of Marc Rieper, all recovering from back knee ligament damage.

7 season at home against Amoruso, Barry Ferguson and that Craig Hignett will exert a telling influence in the midfield following his move from tough haptism. Middlesbrough.

showed in beating Zefjeznicar in midweek, when Dundee United visit Rugby Park. "I'll tell you after this match if our new signings are settling into the team pattern." Williamson

Alan Mahood scored the only goal against the Bosnian side and much is expected of Ian Durrant, while Williamson is still hoping to entice Durrant's former Rangers team-mate, Ally McCoist, away from Glasgow

Today's fourth game is at Fir Park, where Motherwell host St Johnstone. Hopes are high among the home supporters that the experience of Brian McClair, part of a summer clear-out from Manchester United, will help them avoid the kind of relegation hattle they have endured over the last two seasons. There is, however, a completely new look to Motherwell, who released 17 players at the end of last season and have 10 new arrivals.

players and supporters alike.

crowd for this one, so the fans Hearts manager, said. He added: "We've have a good pretion really starts."

And so to Rangers, who have bought hig over the summer id in Dick Adv who is receiving treatment for European coach they hope will lead them to success. He starts Dundee the club promoted with the handicap of being from Division One, start their without key players Lorenzo Aberdeen, who will be hoping Gordan Petric through suspension and he knows from last season that his side face a

"I saw Hearts in a live game Meanwhile, the Kilmarnock and believe them to be an exmanager, Bohby Williamson, cellent and growing team with

There were only ever two

will find out if his side is capa- a lot of young talent," Advocaat ble of continuing the form they said. Unsworth 'knew about Everton offer'

manager, has hotly disputed clubs after Unsworth and that David Unsworth's claim that he was Everton and us," a cleardid not know about Everton's in-terest in signing him before day. "He could have stopped for reeing to join Villa. In what will a day and evaluated the situao down as one of the swiftest transfers ever. Unsworth signed P his back on the club seven days

JOHN GREGORY, the Aston Villa

later and rejoin his former side. T Everton, in a £3m deal. Unsworth's wife, who has or just given birth to their second child, was unwilling to move from their home in Merseyside. and the player realised the 150mile round trip to Villa's ground each day was not to his liking. c As a result he opted to return

to Everton after learning they

ti. were interested in signing him

in for a second time.

tion. He had all the time he wanted to think the decision for Villa last week, only to turn through. We were perfectly aware of David's situation and the fact that his wife had recently given birth to another Gregory insisted that Villa

had done everything they could to make life as easy as possible for Unsworth and his wife. "David was given six months

to relocate to the area, and we were prepared to let him use a club house. We would have put him up in a hotel, whatever it took.

Hearts and Rangers are the first guinea pigs for the new Sunday night slot, which was the price paid for a huge injection of satellite television money. The new time might take some getting used to by

"We'll just have to get on with it and there will be a sell-out are certainly giving it their backing," Jim Jefferies, the ason but this is when the ac-

CHELSEA HAVE beaten seven lish football on television and like Gianfranco Zola, Brian London club, added: "We're been stripped of the club capleading European clubs to the when my parents and I visited Laudrup and Tore Andre Flo. signature of an exciting young

Finnish player, Mikael Forssell. Forssell has joined the West London club on a free transfer. The 17-year-old atudent

who scored four goals on his debut for Finland Under-18s against Lithuania on Thursday night, will join the Londoners in November on a five-year contract.

The German-born Forssell is helieved to have turned down the chance to join Ajax, Internazionale, Liverpool, Bayer Leverkusen, Bayern Munich, Sampdoria and Rangers in favour of a move to the European Cup-Winners' Cup holders.

Forssell is already known to one of his new colleagues, the Chelses defender Franck Leboeuf. The Finn scored in a practice match in Helsinki against France hefore the World Cup and he received Leboeuf's shirt as a souvenir after the game.

Forssell said: "I could not believe the number of clubs who wanted me. It was very flattering. I've seen a lot of EngLondon, Chelsea felt right for

"I met all the players, from names, and everyone was so welcoming. It will be marvellous for me to learn from watch-

Owen was reported yesterday

to be £60m. Liverpool said that

is the figure they want to insure

him for, against loss to injury,

accident or illness over the

next six years of his contract.

have frightened off insurance

pared to take on the risk on the

18-year-old despite a six-fig-

ure premium. That reluctance

could force Liverpool to half

The sum is six times last sea-

son's cover against a career-

ending injury for the striker.

whose profile has soared since

his performances for England

SPORTING DIGEST

their valuation.

companies who are not pre-

That estimation is said to

Celtic players celebrate Harald Brattbakk's goal against St Patrick's Athletic in their Champions' League first qualifying round victory in

Chelsea win race for Finn

"It's a dream chance. I'm so excited about my move to to bring in young talent with po-Chelsea, but I will continue to the youth team to the hig do my best for HJK Helsinki until I leave in November."

Chelsea's managing director, Colin Hutchinson, who helped ing and working with players persuade Forssell to join the reports that Colin Hendry had

£60m Owen worth half a plane

tangible proof of wealth, 857 12kg gold bars at £70,000. player and even eclipses the £50m cover of Ronaldo. It is based on Owen's transfer value - estimated at around £30m - and his crowd-pulling power as well as his impact on sales of club shirts and other

tential

The latest estimation of Owen'a worth leaves other entertainers well behind. Michael Flatley has insured his legs for £25million, Bruce Springsteen insured his voice for £3.5m while Keith Richard has insured the third finger of his left hand for £1m.

Even at that £60m Owen, is still worth only half a Boeing 747 but it's the price you have to pay in France 98, is higher than the but you could huy 387 Rolls for the position you are in.

3 and 2; R Smithles (Manchester) bt "B Ma-son (Sand Moor) 5 and 4; M Sanders (Bris-to) and Clifton) bt C Roake (Gerrards Cross 3 and 2.

THE FULL cost of Michael cover for any Premiership Royces or, if you wanted more

Forssell joins in a week when

Blackburn yesterday denied

Chelsea have also signed the 17-

year-old Italian, Luca Percassi.

Away from the mathematics of modern-day football Owen has admitted he is already getting "fed up" with the pressures of being a World Cup sensation. "I know it will be like this now

for probably the next 10 years, maybe longer," he said as Liverpool arrived in Dublin yesterday for this weekend's Carlsherg Tournament. "It's going to be like this for the rest of my career and there's nothing I can do about it.

"I must admit that I am already getting fed up with it all,

delighted Mikael has chosen taincy and ordered to train Chelsea. It is part of our policy

A Blackburn statement said: While the club is determined to remain professional and dignified in this matter, we feel compelled to point out that Colin Hendry has not been stripped of the captaincy because he is not the captain. Our captain is Tim Sherwood. Colin Hendry has not been ordered to train alone. It was agreed in his best interests that he

could." The Nottingham Forest coalkeener, Marco Pascolo, has joined FC Zurich on loan before a possible permanent move. The 32-year-old former Swiss international, who started his career with Zurich, has made just six appearances for Forest since a £750,000 switch from Italian side Cagliari last summer. Forest have had a £2m offer for the West Bromwich Alhion winger, Kevin Kilbane, turned down.

Crystal Palace have completed the signing of the Argentine Under-21 internationals Pablo Rodrigues and Christian Ledesma from Argentina Juniors for £2m.

Unlucky Rangers to face Salonika in Europe

THE RANGERS manager Dick Advocaat reckons fate could hardly have been crueler to his side in yesterday's Uefa Cuo

The groupings were such that the Ibrox outfit knew they would face one of four seeds in the second qualifying round draw and, in PAOK Salonika, were paired with the team they feared most.

Apart from the quality of the Greek side, who defeated Arsenal in last season's Uefa Cup, there is the hostility off the field for Rangers to contend with.

Earlier this decade, PAOK Salonika received a two-year ban from European competition because of the behaviour of their fans who have a violent

reputation. Advocaat said: "I think it the worst draw we could have got, they have an excellent team and it will be quite diffi-

cult, but we have to do it.
"Every year they fight for the championship and last year Arsenal lost to them over two legs so we will use the tapes of those games.
"It is a hostile stadium and

a few years ago they had many problems there and were banned for a couple of years." PAOK Salonika finished fourth in last season's championship, a repeat of their show-

ing the previous year. Rangers' only previous meeting with Greek opposition ended in defeat four years ago to AEK Athens. The Ibrox side lost both legs of the 1994-95 European Cup preliminary tie - 1-0 at home and 2-0 away.

Kilmarnock, Scotland's other Uefa Cup, hope meet Sigma Olomouc of the Czech Republic as a reward for defeating the Bosnians Zeljeznicar. Sigma Olomouc finished third in their own domestic campaign last term - an improvement from eighth the season before.

The team play in the southeast of the Czech Republic and are based around 150 miles

from Prague. Scotland's Premier League clubs could be handed an extra European place next season if they maintain their record of good behaviour this term.

It could even go to a club that league if the behaviour of players, officials and spectators comes out on top of the 'Fair Play league.

Uefa are conducting a European-wide Fair Play assessment system which will result in a ranking list of top division leagues.

The governing body will give additional Uefa Cup places to the national associations with

the best fair play rankings. Scotland came top of those rankings for 1997-98 season when the assessments were hased on the performances of their club sides in Europe.

But this year, every match in the new Premier League will be assessed, with the possible extra place going to the club that wins the domestic Fair Play competition.

The SFA spokesman Andy Mitchell said: "The rules are drawn up by Uefa and they have specified that it is the winner of Fair Play League that gets the extra place.

TRANSFERS

Week commencing 27 July

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Vegard Heggent Rosenborg (Norway)
to Liverpool: Jen Wiright Arsenal to
West Ham; David Unsworth West
Ham to Aston Villa; Marco Matterazd
Perugia (Italy) to Everton; Neil Ruddock Liverpool to West Ham; Jan
Moore Nottingham Forest to Stockport; Lars Jesper Blomquist Parma
(Italy) to Manchester Utd: Assiley
Westwood Crewe to Bradford; Gary
Owers Bristol City to Notts County
LOAN: Craig Fasiconbridge Coventry to Dunfermiline.

BASEBALL BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE Florida 4 Houseon 3; Moncreal 12 San Francisco 6; Arizona 4 Chicago cuss 6; Los Angeles 3 Philadelphia 1; San Diego 3 NY Mees 1 (10 Imings) 5; Louis 3 Missaulee 2, Adjanta 13 Cincinnati 3; Battimore 6 Deront 4; Kansas City 7 Minnesota 3; Calabrid 6 Boston 5; Toronto 1 Yests 0; NY Variacta 3 Anaheim 0 (10 Imings); CleveLord 9 Septile 8 (17 Imnings) BASKETBALL

GREENALS WATERLOO (Blackpool) Sec-ond round: 5 Jolly br Q Guttlam 21-17: A Rigby br G Guttlam 21-20: B Prots br C Long-yorth 21-11; J Cates bt B Bainbridge 21-11; S Marshall br 2 Haigh 21-13. J Bradley br V Gray 21-17.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES GAMES

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Sublic (110m lardies). M Bell (20km walk):

Buney (100m). O Cavers (marathon): G

Bunney (100m). A Murray-Jesse (pole
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CYCLING The Italian Former world road champion, Glanni Bugno, is to retire at the end of the season.

BGF RATICERIAL TRACK CHAMIFFORMSHIPS [Manchester]: Rise's Open sprint quarter-finals A Sims (Woodwich CC) by 6 Green (Moodwich CC) by 6 Green (Charterise) Coursury 2-0. Hoy (Gty of Edinburgh IC) by A McMahn (CC Lanal 2-1; N Campbel (Roam Srite) by 5 Pudicraf (VC) Ropassin's 3,000m pursuite: Finals Y McGregor (Medica-SciCor) 3rds 40,345 Forder: E Oakes (Flarry Hall Cycles) 3-94,524 bt 5 Boyden (Clarke Contracts) 3:55 708. The Italian former world road cham-

FOOTBALL Jack Marjason, a Leeds United director for 21 years, has died aged
67 following a long lilness.
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ROUND OF THE UPFA CUP: Cruens Zweda Beigrade (Sect) v Recor Velgograd (Rus);
Ferencharos (Num) v AEK Atheris (Or); Geminal Bioren (Bel) v Servette (Swilt); Arges
Pluest (Rom) v Istanbusjon (Rus); Moide (Nor)
v CSKA Sofia (Bul); IFK Gothenburg (Swilt);
Rangers (Scol v PHOX Salonika (Gr.); SanaPrague (Cz Rep) v Inter Bratistane (Skorak),
FC Zunch (Swilt) v Shashara Conecsk (Ukr);
Brann Bergen (Nor) v Zalgiris (Lut); Krakow
(Pol) v Tratzomspor (Tur); Orekul Galas
(Rom) v Welfe (Don); Hapoel ici Awiv (Isr) v
Stromspodset (Nor); Osigh (Cro) v Anderlecht (Bel); Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) v Regis viJenna (Nar); Yasas (Fro) v Grazer Apri d'Ienna (Nar); Yasas (Fro) v Grazer (Arg.)
Rus); Hadaih Spilt (Cro) v Molino (Swe); Kilrannoch (Scol) v Signa Clomouc (Cz Rep) First
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ENGLISH ABMATEUR CHAMPPORNSHUP (Washing San) Carater-Planter N Robersook (Circett) bt D Errington (Arcot Hall) 2 and 1; 5 P Gorry (Sudbury) bx 'B Rylor (Thorpe Hall)

GOODWILL GAMES

na (K km, W Li, J Olis, Y Ruan), 4:22,49; 800m freestigler 1 Y Li (Chin) 8:49,09; 2 P Luo (Chin) 8:50,02, 200m freestigle: 1 F van Aktiski, (Ser) 2:90,26; 2 Y Chen (Chin) 2:02,34, 100m isudelstreider 1 A Buschschufste (Ser) 1:30,74; 2 A Scholz (Ser) 1:04.70, 50m freestigle: 1 K Phi (Ohin) 2:5,72; 2 S Orgus (Ser) 25, 11; 100m isrossessirolises 1 S Pulifich (Ser) 1:10.99; 2 A Potestia (Ser) 1:11.31, 200m issussessirge 1 K Jasele (Ser) 2:11 93; 2 K Dunitur (Ser) 2:12.75, 100m Preestigler 1 S Orgus (Ser) 57.76; 2 S Stabl (Ser) 37.59, 200m issussessirge 1 A Rosele (Ser) 2:11.40, 200m issussessirge 1 A Potestia (Ger) 2:12.74, 40, 200m isrossessirolises 1 A Potestia (Ger) 2:20.59; 2 H OI (Chin) 2:31.67, 400m freestigle: 1 V Li (Chin) 2:31.67, 400m freestigle: 1 V Li (Chin) 2:32.67, 400m freestigle: 1 V

skaya,)Rus) 2.5. 6. Angela Nikodinov. (US) 3.0. 7. Ama Rochnio. Poland. 3.5. 8. Elens Soloiona. (Rus) 4.0. Bound. 3.5. 8. Elens Soloiona. (Rus) 4.0. Bound. 3.5. 8. Elens Soloiona. (Rus) 4.0. Bound. 3.5. 8. Elens Leisen. (US) bt V Darchinyan 18-8. 1258bs. A Kodovsky (Rus) bt M Evants (US) 3-2. 7. Snepherd (US) bt A Mitistrev (Rus) 8-4. 139fbss. E Elder (US) bt D Participention (Rus) 12-11. R Williams Jr (US) bt P Grassilya (Rus) 12-5. 136fbss. G Galdarbekov (Rus) bt Explor (US) 13-9. I Hernandez (Cuba) bt O Wilson (US) 12-1. 178fbss. LAware (Cuba) bt M Malarenio (Rus) 15-1. Owner 201-plass Paglo Midoz (Id) bt D Diagliev (Rus) 8-5. A Rubaticaba (Cuba) bt D Gatinn (US) 17-9 RUGBY LEAGUE ARL: Auckland 34 North Queensland 18; Cronulia 38 St George 10.

RUGBY UNION Bath have signed Jim Fallon, who was released by Richmond, for the second time. Fallon previously played for Bath between 1990 and 1992, scoring 30 tries in 45 appearances.

SAILING PRINCE OF WINLES CUP: 1 C Starkey and M Gray (GB); 2 R Bridge and J.Eplett (GB); 3 C Goodman and T Frees (GB); EUROPEAN CHARPTONSHIPS FRUAL: 1 C Starley and M Gray (A pts) (GB); 2 C Goodman and T Frees (7) (GB); 3 J Hartley and LTBett (9) (GB).

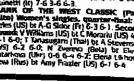
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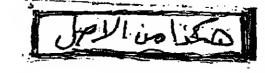
GRAND PRIX (Plymouth) Third qualifying round: R Hall Jini to C MacGlieray (Sco) 5-1; M Couch (Eng) to O Walker (Eng) 5-0; P Wallace (M) to S Marzous (Eng) 5-4; L Gn). In (Eng) to S Bedioro (Eng) 5-2; J Michie (Eng) to I Reynolos (Mal) 5-4. C Glicrest (Inc) to K Burrows (Eng) 5-2; S Perman (Eng) to P McPhilips (Sco) 5-4; A Davies (Mal) 6 P. Sweeny (Eng) 5-3; S kudd (Eng) to J Whirry (Eng) 5-4; M Gray (Eng) 5-3; S kudd (Eng) to J Whirry (Eng) 5-4; M Gray (Eng) 5-3; S kudd (Eng) to J Whirry (Eng) 5-4; M Gray (Eng) 5-3; S kudd (Eng) to J Whirry (Eng) 5-4; M Gray (Eng) to I Sar geant (Wal) 5-3.

> SPEEDWAY AGUE: Swindon 59 Pool 31 LEAGUE: Sheffield 55 Newcastle

TENNIS

MERCEDES CUP (Los Angelas) Men's singles, second round; P. Rafre (Aus) bt M. Damm (LC Rep) 6-35-76-1.1 Girnelstob (US) bt V Spadea (US) 6-35-76-1.1 Girnelstob (US) bt V Spadea (US) 6-35-6. He (Paus) 6-37-6. A Agusti (US) bt J-M Gamball (US) 5-6-6. A CROSTA OPEN (Umag) Neer's singles, second round; P (Faarful S (Neth) bt J Surullo (Sp) mallower. P Mantha (Sp) bt A Volnes (Rom) 6-36-0. B Ulbrach (CR pp) bt J Daz (Sp) 7-63-6-4. A Martin (CR) bt O Saturation (T THE WEST CLASSIC (Pale Alto) Moment's singles, quartar-rimal: M Seles (US) bt A Glock (Ft) 6-36-1. Second rounds; VMRikms (US) bt C Moraria (US) 4-6-6-6. N Zerevo (Bela) bt Eleva Gathous (UN) 6-6-6-7. Elena (Un) volume (UN) 6-6-6-4-6-7. Elena (Un) volume (UN) 6-6-6-4-6-7. TENNIS









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Hill faces £2m Jordan pay cut



MOTOR RACING

BY DERICK ALLSOP at Hockenheim

DAMON HILL needed a second glance but it confirmed his disbelieving impression and return to the sharp end of Formula One. His third place in practice for tomorrow's German Grand Prix was also a timely riposte in his negotiations for a new contract with Jordan.

Only the McLaren Mercedes cars of Mika Hakkinen, the championship leader, and David Coulthard were ahead of Hill at the end of yesterday's session. Michael Schumacher, in his Ferrari, was fifth, Ralf Schumacher, in the other Jordan, 10th.

Hill's season has lurched from the modest to the downright indifferent and he has yet to score a point. That burden has proved beavier still these past two races because his team-mate has registered points in

spun off in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and then expressed his frustration after the team miscalculated his laps in qualifying for last week's Austrian Grand Prix, where

he lined up 15th on the grid. Neither Jordan, nor their engine partners, Mugen-Honda, were amused by the public laundering of dirty linen. The mood changed dramatically vesterday. Hill savouring his work on the track where he has

traditionally been strong. Hill, who completed the day just 0.348 seconds down on Haldenen, said: "It was very satisfying to see my name in the top three again. This is the most encouraging Friday of the season for me.

"And we're not kidding ourselves either. We did this with plenty of fuel in the tank. The car seems inherently good here and we are knocking on the door of being regular top six runners again. If you look back over a few races we have been building up this kind of momentum and I can see some light at the end of the tunnel."

A good result here tomorrow would palpably strengthen Hill's he said. "We want to keep both our position more than any performance in practice. He has indicated his preference to continue driving with Jordan, who in turn have stated or be might be tempted by the likes positively they wish to retain him and Ralf Schumacher

Hill had an option to stay at the team, but the deadline for him to exercise that right lapsed a fortnight ago. Now the playing field has been levelled, the hargaining muscle is perhaps in Jordan's favour and they appear intent on taking

It is understood Hill's salary for this season is around £5m, a huge slice of the budget a midfield team like Jordan are able to raise. If Hill is to stay, he may have to be satisfied with nearer £3m for next sea-

Eddie Jordan, the team owner, declined to discuss details of their ongoing negotiations, restricting himself to uncontentious comment. "We want Damon to stay and we are

hopeful we can reach agreement," drivers. We feel we are going from strength to strength as a team."

Hill still has the option of retiring, of the British American Racing team, or Stewart-Ford. He has also been linked with Williams.

He speaks enthusiastically about the potential at Jordan and a strong finish to the season would undoubtedly sharpen his appetite to race on, but more so if he can outpace his young partner.

McLaren have yet to announce their driver line-up for next season, but Coulthard maintains there is no uncertainty in his mind, that he and Hakkinen will again be in tandem.

Coulthard has had to wait for confirmation as rumours of McLaren's approaches to other drivers have continued. A hid for Michael Schumacher be can appreciate; a supposed move for Jacques Villeneuve he finds less logical.

"I'll be glad when it is all an-

nounced and over with," Coulthard against us." admitted. "But it's not something that has concerned me in the least. All I know is what I've been told hy

have fied to me. "I am absolutely certain it will be the same pairing next year, just as I've always been certain it would be." seems curious McLaren, and Mercedes especially, would not wish to make a statement here. The team

the team, and I don't believe they

say it is "imminent" and that just a few final details have to be sorted. But behind Coulthard's brave face and loyal stance must lurk a degree "All I want to do now is focus on

my racing," be said. "I want to win as many races as I can before the end of the season and try to at least finish second in the championship.
"I'm reasonably satisfied with

the job we have done today and surprised a little bit about our advantage. But our concern on this circuit is reliability. It really pushes the en-

gine to its limit and that could work

Coulthard accepts Hakkinen now leads the McLaren fight against Michael Schumacher On yesterday's showing the German may not be such a danger in front of his own crowd. The Ferrari bad the straight line speed but not the grip through the twisting If there are no further doubts, it Stadium section. Another Ferraripowered car, Jean Alesi's Sauber. was comfortably quicker.

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Tour de France: Riders demand action over drug abuse as power surge from Backstedt makes history for Sweden

Riis leads calls for a 'pure sport'

BY ROBIN NICHOLL at Autun, France

RIDERS IN the Tour de France called on the governing body, the Union Cycliste Internationale, to act promptly to clean up the sport has overshadowed the 98th edition of the world's premier cycle race.

"We want a pure sport," said the Tour with two days to go to the finale on the Champs-Elysées. The UCI on drugs related charges. is not here just to write rules and arrange the racing calendar. Together with them we have to sort out this problem which has come out in

After Magnus Backstedt became the first Swedish rider to win a Chateau Chinon on Monday. Tour stage. Riis went before the media to deny a newspaper story that quoted him as calling Rodolfo Massi "a drugs dealer". Massi had led the Tour's Mountains Grand Prix before he was held for questioning by police investigating alleged drug abuse by Tour riders and was forced to drop out of the race.

"I never said that he was dealing. lam sorry for his team, and I hope that Massi will be freed soon." Riis said. "A lot of people think that my team. Deutsche Telekom, do not agree with what the justices are doing. Their work is necessary for cycling."

Riis, who won the 1996 Tour was challenged at the start in La Chauxde Fonds. Switzerland. The French manager of Massi's Casino team. Vincent Lavenu, asked him if it was true that he had accused the rider of trafficking in drugs. After an Italian rider, Alberto Elli, had also questioned him, Riis asked his team manager, Walter Godefroot, to

arrange a mcdia meeting. "I had said that if Massi was guilty of bringing illegal drugs into the sport it was right that police should

investigate." Riis said. Massi was detained by police on Wednesday at Chambery, near the French-Italian border, along with Nico Terrados, the doctor with the Spanish team ONCE. Yesterday Massi faced the examining magistrate in Lille the centre of the inquiry into the case regarding the Festina team, which was thrown out of the Tour after drugs were found in a

The remaining five riders of the

to medical tests on police instruc-

de France, one of the first bigmoney appearance races for leading the race, which was due to run at

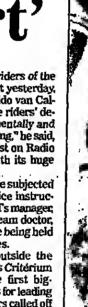
their showpiece. The Frenchman Jacky Durand, already a stage winner raced off in the first kilometre

Pantani, and his closest rivals were unperturbed. The Frenchman Thierry Bourguignon came nearest to posing a threat, and he was more than 57 minutes adrift of the yellow jersey position.

dved hair. broke up the party 16km from Autun when his attack took four riders away to contest a sprint finish. As they sped through valleys of Burgundy vineyards and on to the breeding ground of the Charollais, the quartet opened o lead that was comfortable enough to allow them to finesse in the finishing straight.

"I am just overwhelmed. I cannot believe that I have won." said Backstedt, who once used cycling to im- The International Olympic Com-

in the Tour. Today Pantani faces the best to deal with the problem of the



The first casualty outside the Tour was the presbigious Critérium

The Italian race leader, Marco

Swede swept all before him as Backstedt edged out the Dutchman Maarten den Bakker the Italian Eddy Mazzoleni, and the colourful Derame, of the US Postal Service team, to create a little piece of Swedish sporting history.

TVM team did not start yesterday. and a team official. Guido van Calster, said that it was the riders' decision. "They are not mentally and physically capable of racing," he said, in a statement broadcast on Radio in the wake of the drug scandal that Tour, the race's link with its huge workforce and media. Four TVM riders were subjected

riders' spokesman, Bjarne Riis on tions on Wednesday TVM's manager the day that the TVM team guit the Cees Priem, and their team doctor, Alexandre Mikhailov, are being held

> Tour riders. The sponsors called off As the scandal rumbled on yesterday 13 riders made the 19th stage

and after 70km he had 12 others to help bim build a lead that had soared to 16min 38sec by the finish.

Pascal Deranie, sporting purple-

Then the pure power of the

prove his fitness for downhill skiing. but realised that his cycling was better than his aloine skills.

challenge of a 52km time-trial into use of illegal drugs in sport.

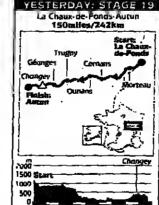


TOUR RESULTS

Le Creusot. His 5min 52sec advantage over the American Bobby Julich and 5:56 over last year's winner, the German Jan Ullrich, may take a battering. Each re-spectively took 3:03 and 4:21 out of the Italian in a 58km time trial at the end of the first week, but racing over the Pyrenees and the Alps will have blunted the speed of Julich and Ullrich.

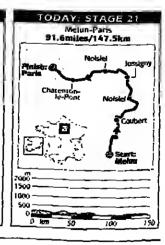
mittee, galvanised by the Tour de France drug scandals, have called a special executive committee meet-There is very little downhill left ing on 20 August 20 to discuss how

TOUR DE FRANCE 19th stage (150 miles, Neochâtel, 5wift to Anton, Pr): 1 M Backstedt (5we) GAN 5hr 10min 14sec 2 M den Balker (Neth) Rabobank: 2 M Azonom (ir) Seco; 4 P Derame (Fr) US Postal, all same time: 5 F Guesdon (Fr) F2D, at 25sec 6 F Sacth (ir) Polic: 7 J Durand (Fr) Casno; 8 A Turkchla (It) Asles: 9 S O'Grady (Aus) GAN: 10 T Gouverou (Fr) Big Mat: 11 F Andreu (US) US Postal, 12 C Agnolutto (Fr) Casho. all 5-t. 13 T Bourguigh Postal, 12 C Agnolutto (Fr) Casho. all 5-t. 13 T Bourguigh Postal, 12 C Agnolutto (Fr) Casho. all 5-t. 13 T Bourguigh Postal, 12 C Agnolutto (Fr) Casho. all 5-t. 13 T Bourguigh Postal, 12 C Agnolutto (Fr) Casho. 11 S F Simon (Fr) GAN: 19 N Jalabert (Fr) Cofids: 20 A Tail (It) Mapel, all 5-t. Casho. 19 N Jalabert (Fr) Cofids: 20 A Tail (It) Mapel, all 5-t. Casho. 19 N Jalabert (Fr) Cofids: 20 A Tail (It) Mapel, all 5-t. Casho. 19 Sec: 3 J Ulitoh (Ger) Telekom 5:56: 4 C Rinero (Fr) Cofidis +8.01: 5 M Boogerd (Neth) Rabobank +8:05; 61-C Rotin (Fr) US Postal +12:34; 7 R Meter (Swit) Cofids: 13:19: 8 Daniel Nardello (It) Mapel 13:36: 9 Bjørne Ris (Den) Telekom 4:4:85: 10 Gluseppe di Grande (It) Mapel 15:13: 11 A Merckix (Bel) Poln +18:15: 12 L Pepoh (It) Saeco +16:53: 13 S Heulox (Fr) FDI +17:49: 14 0 Baranowski (Pol) US Postal +19:22: 15 B Hamburger (Den) Caslon +22:57; 16 K van de Wouwer (Bel) Locto +23:51: 17 K Linngston (US) Cofidis +30:30: 12 P Farazin (Bel) Lotto +30:47: 19 J Jaksche (Ger) Poln +32:43; 20 L Madouas (Fr) Lotto +34:48.



Gillespie may be on the way out





Alcohol ban for part of Headingley

CRICKET

YORKSHIRE HAVE decided to ban spectators from bringing alcohol into part of Headingley for England's decisive fifth Test against South

Africa next week Consultation with the police and other ground safety agencies have , led officials to prevent licket holders for the Western Terrace bring- of the mindless minority." a all." ing their own alcohol into the

the ground, who are still allowed to bring up to four cans of beer in.

"We remain committed to the principle of providing a comfortable cricket at Headingley without being subject to the anti-social behaviour spokesman for Yorkshire said. "Sim-

ground, although the this will not ilar measures are being taken at apply to spectators in other areas of other provincial Test match venues." Chief Inspector Ray Shepherd

added: "A lot of time and money is spent on the event and we will not allow a handful of ill-behaved idiots and safe environment for the aver- to spoil it for everyone else. If they age spectator to enjoy international are not in the Headingley ground to enjoy cricket then we will try and make sure they don't get in at

Selectors to keep faith, page 24

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FOOTBALL

KENNY DALGLISH, the Newcastle manager, could be willing to listen to offers for his winger. Keith Gillespie. With the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, on the look out for a forward to play out on the flanks, Newcastle's Northern Ireland international could find himself a tar-

get for the Premiership newcomers. Middlesbrough have shown interest for some time now in the West Bromwich Albion winger, Kevin Kil-

bane, but it is believed that Denis League, laying on two of Faustino up with a £5m offer then Newcas-Smith, the manager of the First Division club, wants more than Robson will pay.

Middlesbrough, who host a fourteam tournament featuring Newcastle, Benfica and Empoli this weekend, are keen to get their man before they start their Premiership campaign against Leeds United in a fortnight's time.

Less than a year ago Gillespie in-Barcelona in the Champions' and his manager were able to come

Asprilla's three goals. However, he tle might find it too much to turn has had a chequered career on Ty- down neside since Kevin Keegan signed him as part of the Andy Cole deal in January 1995.

With both Alan Shearer and Stepbane Guivarc'h in the middle it might seem unlikely that Newcastle would be open to offers for Gillespie. However, if the Middlesspired Newcastle to victory over brough chairman, Steve Gibson,

With the arrival of seven new faces in recent weeks and more to come. United may think it is time to cash in on Gillespie. They have an abundance of wing-backs on the looking for service from the flanks books, including Laurent Chavet and Alessandro Pistone.

Gillespie, meanwhile, has an ankle injury and is ruled out of this weekend's competition. More football, page 25

